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WASHINGTON, November 6, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 1 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 1.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 748.4 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 1 totaled 408,327, virtually the same as the corresponding week of last year, and 0.1 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.4 percent in the West, but down 3.1 percent in the East, and 5.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Other farm products showed a gain of 1,039 cars (22.5 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 25 totaled 107,665 trailers and/or containers, 10.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 4,117,840 trailers and/or containers, up 9.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/01/86:

	Loadings in Week ended November 1, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percen
Grain	34,096	I	177	0.5	D	1,540	4.3
Other farm products	5,657	I	1,039	22.5	I	22	0.4
Metallic ores	14,960	D	1,174	7.3	D	520	3.4
Coal	114,929	D	3,995	3.4	D	2,389	2.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,991	I	984	7.0	I	544	3.8
Nonmetallic minerals	8,382	D	2,268	21.3	D	57	0.7
Grain mill products	11,368	I	452	4.1	D	87	0.8
Food and kindred products	12,072	I	316	2.7	I	405	3.5
Primary forest products	10,896	I	327	3.1	I	324	3.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,167	I	903	12.4	I	440	5.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,665	D	828	6.1	I	391	3.2
Chemicals and allied products	24,202	I	812	3.5	I	844	3.6
Petroleum products	4,607	I	154	3.5	D	179	3.7
Stone, clay and glass products	10,652	I	479	4.7	I	135	1.3
Coke	3,907	D	1,267	24.5	D	397	9.2
Metals and products	7,830	D	616	7.3	I	603	8.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,338	D	1,748	7.6	I	825	4.0
Waste and scrap materials	8,066	D	81	1.0	I	55	0.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,494	D	3,413	49.4	I	91	2.7
All other carloads	75,937	I	9,679	14.6	I	913	1.2
LCL traffic	111	D	56	33.5	D	15	11.9
Total Cars Loaded	408,327	D	124	0.0	I	408	0.1
Corresponding week of 1985	408,451						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	16,545,002	16,639,952	D 0.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
43 Weeks ended October 25	730.1	729.5	I 0.1
Week ended November 1	18.3	18.1	I 1.2
44 Weeks cumulative	748.4	747.7	I 0.1

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WASHINGTON, November 13, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 8 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 4.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 766.6 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 8 totaled 407,566, up 3.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.2 percent lower than the preceding week.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal showed a gain of 6,471 cars (5.7 percent), while grain increased by 2,332 cars (7.3 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 1 totaled 106,571 trailers and/or containers, 7.4 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 4,222,392 trailers and/or containers, up 8.9 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/08/86:

	Loadings in Week ended November 8, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,342	I	2,332	7.3	I	246	0.7
Other farm products	4,857	D	144	2.9	D	800	14.1
Metallic ores	16,672	I	2,341	16.3	I	1,712	11.4
Coal	119,102	I	6,471	5.7	I	4,173	3.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,485	I	1,098	8.2	D	506	3.4
Nonmetallic minerals	8,447	D	2,896	25.5	I	65	0.8
Grain mill products	11,270	I	399	3.7	D	98	0.9
Food and kindred products	11,848	D	6	0.1	D	224	1.9
Primary forest products	10,635	D	536	4.8	D	261	2.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,457	I	784	11.7	D	710	8.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,779	D	1,272	9.7	D	886	7.0
Chemicals and allied products	23,261	I	473	2.1	D	941	3.9
Petroleum products	4,270	D	468	9.9	D	337	7.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,253	I	583	6.0	D	399	3.7
Coke	3,865	D	1,014	20.8	D	42	1.1
Metals and products	7,419	D	212	2.8	D	411	5.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,050	D	1,678	7.4	D	288	1.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,114	D	78	1.0	I	48	0.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,346	D	2,916	46.6	D	148	4.2
All other carloads	74,983	I	9,562	14.6	D	954	1.3
LCL traffic	111	D	110	49.8	I	0	0.0
Total Cars Loaded	407,566	I	12,713	3.2	D	761	0.2
Corresponding week of 1985	394,853						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks)	16,961,076	17,034,805	D 0.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
44 Weeks ended November 1	748.4	747.7	I 0.1
Week ended November 8	18.2	17.4	I 4.5
45 Weeks cumulative	766.6	765.1	I 0.2

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WASHINGTON, November 20, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 15 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 783.8 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 15 totaled 384,440, down 1.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 5.7 percent lower than the preceding week.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, with metallic ores showing a decline of 2,914 cars (19.0 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 8 totaled 108,563 trailers and/or containers, 12.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 4,331,068 trailers and/or containers, up 9.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/15/86

	Loadings in Week ended November 15, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,940	I	345	1.1	D	3,402	9.9
Other farm products	4,468	D	194	4.2	D	389	8.0
Metallic ores	12,454	D	2,914	19.0	D	4,218	25.3
Coal	110,386	I	736	0.7	D	8,716	7.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,920	D	762	5.6	D	1,565	10.8
Nonmetallic minerals	7,610	D	2,789	26.8	D	837	9.9
Grain mill products	11,469	I	920	8.7	I	199	1.8
Food and kindred products	11,394	I	325	2.9	D	454	3.8
Primary forest products	10,388	D	1,286	11.0	D	247	2.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,489	I	689	10.1	I	32	0.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,338	D	563	4.4	I	559	4.7
Chemicals and allied products	22,433	D	620	2.7	D	828	3.6
Petroleum products	4,256	D	129	2.9	D	14	0.3
Stone, clay and glass products	9,477	D	467	4.7	D	776	7.6
Coke	4,006	D	966	19.4	I	141	3.6
Metals and products	7,031	D	1,233	14.9	D	388	5.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,416	D	1,455	6.4	I	366	1.7
Waste and scrap materials	8,308	I	162	2.0	I	194	2.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,228	D	3,348	50.9	D	118	3.5
All other carloads	72,315	I	8,347	13.0	D	2,668	3.6
LCL traffic	114	D	75	39.7	I	3	2.7
Total Cars Loaded	384,440	D	5,277	1.4	D	23,126	5.7
Corresponding week of 1985	389,717						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)	17,376,019	19,000,443	D 8.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
45 Weeks ended November 8	766.6	765.1	I 0.2
Week ended November 15	17.3	17.3	D 0.2
46 Weeks cumulative	783.8	782.3	I 0.2

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WASHINGTON, December 1, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 22 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 4.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 802.0 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 22 totaled 402,496, up 2.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 5.2 percent higher than the preceding week which included the Veterans' Day holiday.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 10 of the 21 major commodity groups increased, with coal showing a gain of 8,450 cars (7.3 percent) while grain increased by 2,048 cars (6.9 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 15 totaled 106,394 trailers and/or containers, 12.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 4,437,462 trailers and/or containers, up 9.1 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/22/86:

	Loadings in Week ended November 22, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,614	I	2,048	6.9	I	1,848	6.2
Other farm products	4,636	I	654	16.4	I	163	3.6
Metallic ores	10,384	D	4,204	28.8	D	2,064	16.6
Coal	123,461	I	8,450	7.3	I	13,610	12.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,271	I	281	2.2	I	453	3.5
Nonmetallic minerals	8,464	D	2,451	22.5	I	847	11.1
Grain mill products	11,091	I	605	5.8	D	274	2.4
Food and kindred products	11,520	D	24	0.2	I	155	1.4
Primary forest products	10,681	D	654	5.8	I	314	3.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,929	I	814	11.4	I	420	5.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,346	D	629	4.8	D	37	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	23,868	I	390	1.7	I	1,322	5.9
Petroleum products	4,323	D	199	4.4	I	82	1.9
Stone, clay and glass products	9,461	I	78	0.8	I	3	0.0
Coke	4,216	D	748	15.1	I	204	5.1
Metals and products	7,242	D	1,294	15.2	I	274	3.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,951	D	2,106	9.1	D	468	2.2
Waste and scrap materials	8,267	I	275	3.4	D	34	0.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,391	D	3,104	47.8	I	163	5.0
All other carloads	75,205	I	9,823	15.0	I	3,023	4.2
LCL traffic	175	D	90	34.0	I	57	48.3
Total Cars Loaded	402,496	I	7,915	2.0	I	20,061	5.2
Corresponding week of 1985	394,581						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks)	17,776,510	17,869,276*	D 0.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
46 Weeks ended November 15	783.7	782.3	I 0.2
Week ended November 22	18.2	17.5	I 4.0
47 Weeks cumulative	802.0	799.9	I 0.3

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* On the carloadings report dated November 20, cumulative carloadings for the 46 weeks ending November 15, 1985 were overstated. The correct number should have been 17,474,695.

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WASHINGTON, December 4, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 29 totaled an estimated 14.1 billion ton-miles, 4.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Thanksgiving holiday

Cumulative volume for the first 48 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 816.0 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 29 totaled 304,471, down 0.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 24.4 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain increased by 3,015 cars (14.6 percent). Twenty of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 22 totaled 111,581 trailers and/or containers, 18.7 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 47 weeks of the year was 4,549,043 trailers and/or containers, up 9.3 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/29/86:

	Loadings in Week ended November 29, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,701	I	3,015	14.6	D	7,913	25.0
Other farm products	3,528	D	94	2.6	D	1,108	23.9
Metallic ores	10,626	D	1,674	13.6	I	242	2.3
Coal	93,386	D	2,037	2.1	D	30,075	29.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,273	D	72	0.9	D	4,998	37.7
Nonmetallic minerals	6,613	D	357	5.1	D	1,851	21.9
Grain mill products	9,145	I	716	8.5	D	1,946	17.5
Food and kindred products	8,712	I	182	2.1	D	2,808	24.4
Primary forest products	6,964	D	469	6.3	D	3,717	34.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,665	I	488	9.4	D	2,264	28.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,978	D	360	2.9	D	368	3.0
Chemicals and allied products	18,699	D	264	1.4	D	5,169	21.7
Petroleum products	3,380	D	3	0.1	D	943	21.8
Stone, clay and glass products	7,293	I	38	0.5	D	2,168	22.9
Coke	3,567	D	707	16.5	D	649	15.4
Metals and products	6,368	D	961	13.1	D	874	12.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,760	D	3,355	20.8	D	8,191	39.1
Waste and scrap materials	5,651	I	111	2.0	D	2,616	31.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,497	D	2,833	53.2	D	894	26.4
All other carloads	55,550	I	6,902	14.2	D	19,655	26.1
LCL traffic	115	D	21	15.4	D	60	34.3
Total Cars Loaded	304,471	D	1,755	0.6	D	98,025	24.4
Corresponding week of 1985	306,226						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (48 weeks)	18,080,981	18,175,502	D 0.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
47 Weeks ended November 22	802.0	799.9	I 0.3
Week ended November 29	14.1	13.5	I 4.2
48 Weeks cumulative	816.0	813.3	I 0.3

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WASHINGTON, December 11, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 6 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 6.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 49 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 833.6 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 6 totaled 386,072, up 2.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 26.8 percent higher than the preceding holiday week.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal showed a gain of 8,723 cars (8.0 percent), while grain increased by 3,359 cars (13.6 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended November 29 totaled 85,138 trailers and/or containers, 11.7 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 48 weeks of the year was 4,634,174 trailers and/or containers, up 9.3 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/06/86:

	Loadings in Week ended December 6, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,100	I	3,359	13.6	I	4,399	18.6
Other farm products	4,501	D	45	1.0	I	973	27.6
Metallic ores	8,786	D	3,121	26.2	D	1,840	17.3
Coal	117,185	I	8,723	8.0	I	23,799	25.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,969	I	540	4.7	I	3,696	44.7
Nonmetallic minerals	8,365	D	2,632	23.9	I	1,752	26.5
Grain mill products	11,282	I	286	2.6	I	2,137	23.4
Food and kindred products	11,365	I	54	0.5	I	2,653	30.5
Primary forest products	10,652	D	524	4.7	I	3,688	53.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,429	I	1,116	17.7	I	1,764	31.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,690	D	1,218	8.8	I	712	5.9
Chemicals and allied products	25,339	I	1,070	4.4	I	6,640	35.5
Petroleum products	4,628	D	135	2.8	I	1,248	36.9
Stone, clay and glass products	9,287	I	119	1.3	I	1,994	27.3
Coke	4,235	D	761	15.2	I	668	18.7
Metals and products	7,627	D	260	3.3	I	1,259	19.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,870	D	3,337	14.4	I	7,110	55.7
Waste and scrap materials	7,734	I	220	2.9	I	2,083	36.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,199	D	3,018	48.5	I	702	28.1
All other carloads	71,726	I	8,951	14.3	I	16,176	29.1
LCL traffic	103	D	29	22.0	D	12	10.4
Total Cars Loaded	386,072	I	9,358	2.5	I	81,601	26.8
Corresponding week of 1985	376,714						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (49 weeks)	18,467,053	18,552,216	D 0.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
48 Weeks ended November 29	816.1 (Rev.)	813.3	I 0.3
Week ended December 6	17.5	16.5	I 6.3
49 Weeks cumulative	833.6	829.8	I 0.5

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WASHINGTON, December 18, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 13 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 1.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 50 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 851.1 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 13 totaled 388,641, down 1.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.7 percent higher than the preceding week.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain increased by 2,018 cars (7.7 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 6 totaled 95,039 trailers and/or containers, 3.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 49 weeks of the year was 4,724,922 trailers and/or containers, up 9.1 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/13/86:

	Loadings in Week ended December 13, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,101	I	2,018	7.7	I	1	0.0
Other farm products	4,803	I	345	7.7	I	302	6.7
Metallic ores	10,383	D	1,709	14.1	I	1,597	18.2
Coal	118,127	D	5,490	4.4	I	942	0.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,793	I	695	6.3	D	176	1.5
Nonmetallic minerals	8,733	D	1,853	17.5	I	368	4.4
Grain mill products	11,344	I	648	6.1	I	62	0.5
Food and kindred products	11,337	D	450	3.8	D	28	0.2
Primary forest products	10,398	D	1,168	10.1	D	254	2.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,417	I	584	8.5	D	12	0.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,511	D	1,036	7.6	D	179	1.4
Chemicals and allied products	23,279	I	815	3.6	D	2,060	8.1
Petroleum products	4,187	D	535	11.3	D	441	9.5
Stone, clay and glass products	8,899	D	131	1.5	D	388	4.2
Coke	3,837	D	606	13.6	D	398	9.4
Metals and products	7,122	D	722	9.2	D	505	6.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,300	D	1,936	8.0	I	2,430	12.2
Waste and scrap materials	8,217	D	15	0.2	I	483	6.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,998	D	3,360	52.8	D	201	6.3
All other carloads	72,733	I	6,385	9.6	I	1,007	1.4
LCL traffic	122	D	32	20.8	I	19	18.4
Total Cars Loaded	388,641	D	7,553	1.9	I	2,569	0.7
Corresponding week of 1985	396,194						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (50 weeks)	18,855,694	18,948,410	D 0.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
49 Weeks ended December 6	833.6	829.8	I 0.5
Week ended December 13	17.5	17.3	I 1.0
50 Weeks cumulative	851.1	847.2	I 0.5

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WASHINGTON, December 30, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 20 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 1.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 51 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 868.4 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 20 totaled 383,430, up 0.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.3 percent lower than the preceding week.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,211 cars (6.5 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 13 totaled 104,964 trailers and/or containers, 5.1 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 50 weeks of the year was 4,829,886 trailers and/or containers, up 9.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/20/86:

	Loadings in Week ended December 20, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,427	I	631	2.4	D	1,674	6.0
Other farm products	4,235	D	148	3.4	D	568	11.8
Metallic ores	9,853	D	778	7.3	D	530	5.1
Coal	118,999	D	2,117	1.7	I	872	0.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,130	I	781	8.4	D	1,663	14.1
Nonmetallic minerals	7,478	D	2,887	27.9	D	1,255	14.4
Grain mill products	11,079	I	1,066	10.6	D	265	2.3
Food and kindred products	10,795	D	31	0.3	D	542	4.8
Primary forest products	11,107	I	364	3.4	I	709	6.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,781	I	718	10.2	I	364	4.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,132	D	1,327	9.9	D	379	3.0
Chemicals and allied products	24,488	I	805	3.4	I	1,209	5.2
Petroleum products	4,462	D	200	4.3	I	275	6.6
Stone, clay and glass products	8,451	I	494	6.2	D	448	5.0
Coke	3,527	D	1,249	26.2	D	310	8.1
Metals and products	6,947	D	550	7.3	D	175	2.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,721	I	1,211	6.5	D	2,579	11.6
Waste and scrap materials	7,902	I	327	4.3	D	315	3.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,022	D	3,262	51.9	I	24	0.8
All other carloads	74,791	I	7,333	10.9	I	2,058	2.8
LCL traffic	103	I	5	5.1	D	19	15.6
Total Cars Loaded	383,430	I	1,186	0.3	D	5,211	1.3
Corresponding week of 1985	382,244						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (51 weeks)	19,239,124	19,330,654	D 0.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
50 Weeks ended December 13	851.1	847.2	I 0.5
Week ended December 20	17.3	17.0	I 1.7
51 Weeks cumulative	868.4	864.2	I 0.5

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1986 RAIL TRAFFIC INCREASES SLIGHTLY

WASHINGTON, January 7, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during 1986 totaled an estimated 880 billion ton-miles, up 0.3 percent from 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Carloadings for the year totaled 19,477,475, down 0.5 percent from 1985.

The lack of growth in 1986 traffic was attributed primarily to a sluggish national economy.

On a quarterly basis, 1986 ton-miles trailed comparable periods of 1985 by 0.5 percent in the first quarter and 0.9 percent in the second quarter, before posting modest gains of nearly 1 percent in the third quarter and 1.7 percent in the fourth quarter. Ton-miles for the year increased by 2.4 percent in the West and decreased by 2.8 percent in the East.

As shown on page 4, a total of 13 of the 21 major commodity groups declined compared with 1985. The biggest losers were coal, down 112,616 cars (1.9 percent) and non-metallic minerals, down 115,310 cars (20.3 percent).

The only commodity group to show a substantial increase over 1985 was grain, up 78,461 cars (6.6 percent).

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Ton-miles for the holiday week ended December 27 totaled 11.2 billion, 11.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1985. Carloadings were down 1.8 percent from 1985, and down 37.4 percent from the preceding non-holiday week of 1986.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 20 totaled 106,675 trailers and/or containers, 8.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 51 weeks of the year was 4,938,669 trailers and/or containers, up 9.1 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/27/86:

	Loadings in Week ended December 27, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	16,389	D	920	5.3	D	10,271	38.5
Other farm products	3,115	I	249	8.7	D	1,111	26.3
Metallic ores	5,331	D	2,880	35.1	D	4,484	45.7
Coal	65,311	D	6,157	8.6	D	52,587	44.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	4,582	D	558	10.9	D	5,516	54.6
Nonmetallic minerals	7,900	I	1,010	14.7	I	412	5.5
Grain mill products	8,207	D	20	0.2	D	2,719	24.9
Food and kindred products	7,131	D	38	0.5	D	3,621	33.7
Primary forest products	5,776	I	197	3.5	D	5,347	48.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,952	I	648	15.1	D	2,850	36.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,462	I	1,426	14.2	D	659	5.4
Chemicals and allied products	18,059	D	1,132	5.9	D	6,541	26.6
Petroleum products	3,207	D	249	7.2	D	1,232	27.8
Stone, clay and glass products	5,464	D	367	6.3	D	2,929	34.9
Coke	3,775	D	146	3.7	I	223	6.3
Metals and products	5,368	D	520	8.8	D	1,593	22.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	10,570	I	1,879	21.6	D	9,127	46.3
Waste and scrap materials	4,608	I	765	19.9	D	3,341	42.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	1,980	D	1,833	48.1	D	1,039	34.4
All other carloads	46,075	I	4,179	10.0	D	28,786	38.5
LCL traffic	46	D	24	34.3	D	47	50.5
Total Cars Loaded	239,308	D	4,491	1.8	D	143,165	37.4
Corresponding week of 1985	243,799						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (52 weeks)	19,477,475	19,574,453	D 0.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
51 Weeks ended December 20	868.4	864.2	I 0.5
Week ended December 27	11.2	12.5	D 11.0
52 Weeks cumulative	879.6	876.7	I 0.3

Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for 52 weeks of 1986 and 1985:

	1986	1985		Incr./Decr. vs. 1986 vs. 1985	
	Cars	Cars		Cars	Percent
Grain	1,265,471	1,187,010	I	78,461	6.6
Other farm products	192,051	188,474	I	3,577	1.9
Metallic ores	742,404	725,436	I	16,968	2.3
Coal	5,679,910	5,792,526	D	112,616	1.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	667,300	641,668	I	25,632	4.0
Nonmetallic minerals	453,039	568,349	D	115,310	20.3
Grain mill products	544,777	536,883	I	7,894	1.5
Food and kindred products	561,696	568,446	D	6,750	1.2
Primary forest products	532,305	584,459	D	52,154	8.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	397,297	366,234	I	31,063	8.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	657,408	712,490	D	55,082	7.7
Chemicals and allied products	1,239,671	1,251,498	D	11,827	0.9
Petroleum products	239,855	236,798	I	3,057	1.3
Stone, clay and glass products	508,295	529,973	D	21,678	4.1
Coke	218,357	253,573	D	35,216	13.9
Metals and products	414,288	445,073	D	30,785	6.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	1,035,300	1,092,149	D	56,849	5.2
Waste and scrap materials	410,633	436,313	D	25,680	5.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	201,108	335,870	D	134,762	40.1
All other carloads	3,510,284	3,113,132	I	397,152	12.8
LCL traffic	6,026	8,099	D	2,073	25.6
Total Cars Loaded	19,477,475	19,574,453	D	96,978	0.5

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

	1986	1985	% Change
First quarter	219.6	220.6	D 0.5
Second quarter	221.5	223.4	D 0.9
Third quarter	218.3	216.3	I 0.9
Fourth quarter	220.1	216.4	I 1.7
Year	879.6	876.7	I 0.3

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PIGGYBACK TRAFFIC SETS RECORD

WASHINGTON, January 15, 1987 -- The number of trailers and containers loaded in piggyback service on major U.S. railroads in 1986 exceeded 5.0 million, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The 1986 total of 5,011,037, the highest total on record, was 9.2 percent higher than 1985, and 9.8 percent higher than 1984.

TOFC/COFC loadings accounted for 16.9 percent of total rail carloadings in 1986 and remained second only to coal -- the traditional leader -- as a source of railroad traffic.

Trailers and containers loaded during the holiday week ended December 27 totaled 72,368, 15.2 percent higher than the corresponding week of 1985.

The AAR also reported that total freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the New Year's holiday week ended January 3 totaled 12.0 billion ton-miles, 5.9 percent below the corresponding holiday week of 1986.

Total carloadings on major railroads for the January 3 week were 261,820, down 7.4 percent from the comparable week of 1986, and 9.4 percent higher than the preceding Christmas week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 11.4 percent in the East, and down 3.0 percent in the West.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/03/87:

	Loadings in Week ended January 3, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	14,978	I	6,065	28.8	D	1,411	8.6
Other farm products	3,595	I	219	6.5	I	480	15.4
Metallic ores	4,402	D	4,135	48.4	D	929	17.4
Coal	76,803	D	9,549	11.1	I	11,492	17.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	6,803	D	977	12.6	I	2,221	48.5
Nonmetallic minerals	7,691	I	391	5.4	D	209	2.6
Grain mill products	9,486	I	814	9.4	I	1,279	15.6
Food and kindred products	7,560	I	40	0.5	I	429	6.0
Primary forest products	8,602	D	367	4.3	I	2,826	48.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,267	I	654	14.2	I	315	6.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,165	I	767	6.2	I	1,703	14.9
Chemicals and allied products	22,760	I	1,660	7.9	I	4,701	26.0
Petroleum products	3,924	D	342	8.0	I	717	22.4
Stone, clay and glass products	7,078	D	289	3.9	I	1,614	29.5
Coke	4,128	D	251	5.7	I	353	9.4
Metals and products	7,108	D	176	2.4	I	1,740	32.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	4,644	D	3,056	39.7	D	5,926	56.1
Waste and scrap materials	4,888	D	509	9.4	I	280	6.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	1,515	D	2,479	62.1	D	465	23.5
All other carloads	47,383	I	2,877	6.5	I	1,308	2.8
LCL traffic	40	D	27	40.3	D	6	13.0
Total Cars Loaded	261,820	D	20,820	7.4	I	22,512	9.4
Corresponding week of 1986	282,640						

	1987	1986	% Change
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended January 3	12.0	12.8	D 5.9

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WASHINGTON, January 19, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 10 totaled an estimated 16.1 billion ton-miles, 5.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first two weeks of 1987 was an estimated 28.2 billion ton-miles, down 5.8 percent than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 10 totaled 358,134, down 4.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 36.8 percent above the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 5.3 percent in the East and 3.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, chemicals and allied products were up 2,161 cars (8.9 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 3 totaled 66,599 trailers and/or containers, 6.1 percent above last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/10/87:

	Loadings in Week ended January 10, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,719	D	2,557	9.4	I	9,741	65.0
Other farm products	5,057	I	522	11.5	I	1,462	40.7
Metallic ores	5,492	D	5,713	51.0	I	1,090	24.8
Coal	104,727	D	8,681	7.7	I	27,924	36.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,556	I	645	6.5	I	3,753	55.2
Nonmetallic minerals	9,022	I	415	4.8	I	1,331	17.3
Grain mill products	11,289	I	616	5.8	I	1,803	19.0
Food and kindred products	10,707	D	133	1.2	I	3,147	41.6
Primary forest products	11,535	D	226	1.9	I	2,933	34.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,220	I	632	9.6	I	1,953	37.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,117	D	130	1.0	D	48	0.4
Chemicals and allied products	26,390	I	2,161	8.9	I	3,630	15.9
Petroleum products	4,939	D	168	3.3	I	1,015	25.9
Stone, clay and glass products	8,893	D	371	4.0	I	1,815	25.6
Coke	4,029	D	130	3.1	D	99	2.4
Metals and products	8,284	I	80	1.0	I	1,176	16.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,448	D	5,273	24.3	I	11,804	254.2
Waste and scrap materials	7,956	D	263	3.2	I	3,068	62.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,293	D	2,874	55.6	I	778	51.4
All other carloads	65,357	I	4,803	7.9	I	17,974	37.9
LCL traffic	104	D	13	11.1	I	64	160.0
Total Cars Loaded	358,134	D	16,658	4.4	I	96,314	36.8
Corresponding week of 1986	374,792						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (2 weeks)	619,954	661,012	D 6.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended January 3	12.0	12.8	D 5.9
Week ended January 10	16.1	17.1	D 5.7
2 Weeks cumulative	28.2	29.9	D 5.8

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WASHINGTON, January 23, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 17 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 3.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first three weeks of 1987 was an estimated 45.4 billion ton-miles, down 4.8 percent than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 17 totaled 382,394, down 2.1 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 6.8 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 5.8 percent in the East and up 2.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, chemicals and allied products were up 1,766 cars (7.2 percent) while crushed stone, gravel and sand increased by 1,479 cars (14.8 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 10 totaled 89,984 trailers and/or containers, 3.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first two weeks of the year was 156,583 trailers and/or containers, up 4.8 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/17/87:

	Loadings in Week ended January 17, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,245	D	1,908	6.8	I	1,526	6.2
Other farm products	5,459	I	589	12.1	I	402	7.9
Metallic ores	11,361	D	104	0.9	I	5,869	106.9
Coal	108,677	D	9,248	7.8	I	3,950	3.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,498	I	1,479	14.8	I	942	8.9
Nonmetallic minerals	8,350	D	783	8.6	D	672	7.4
Grain mill products	11,142	I	86	0.8	D	147	1.3
Food and kindred products	11,322	I	91	0.8	I	615	5.7
Primary forest products	10,966	D	819	6.9	D	569	4.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,889	I	557	7.6	I	669	9.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,217	D	591	4.3	I	100	0.8
Chemicals and allied products	26,400	I	1,766	7.2	I	10	0.0
Petroleum products	4,637	D	608	11.6	D	302	6.1
Stone, clay and glass products	9,038	D	376	4.0	I	145	1.6
Coke	4,069	D	432	9.6	I	40	1.0
Metals and products	8,063	D	484	5.7	D	221	2.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,395	D	2,519	11.0	I	3,947	24.0
Waste and scrap materials	8,599	D	176	2.0	I	643	8.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,880	D	2,834	49.6	I	587	25.6
All other carloads	72,087	I	8,044	12.6	I	6,730	10.3
LCL traffic	100	D	48	32.4	D	4	3.8
Total Cars Loaded	382,394	D	8,318	2.1	I	24,260	6.8
Corresponding week of 1986	390,712						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (3 weeks)	1,002,348	1,051,724	D 4.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended January 10	28.2	29.9	D 5.8
Week ended January 17	17.2	17.8	D 3.2
3 Weeks cumulative	45.4	47.7	D 4.8

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WASHINGTON, January 29, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 24 totaled an estimated 16.5 billion ton-miles, 7.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first four weeks of 1987 was an estimated 61.9 billion ton-miles, down 5.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 24 totaled 364,994, down 7.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 5.6 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 12.3 percent in the East and 1.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, with coal showing a decline of 14,720 cars (12.3 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 17 totaled 92,789 trailers and/or containers, 0.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first three weeks of the year was 249,372 trailers and/or containers, up 3.2 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/24/87:

	Loadings in Week ended January 24, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,924	D	2,876	10.7	D	2,450	9.3
Other farm products	4,619	I	334	7.8	D	814	15.0
Metallic ores	12,999	I	89	0.7	I	1,618	14.2
Coal	104,537	D	14,720	12.3	D	7,243	6.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,516	D	1,363	12.5	D	2,041	17.7
Nonmetallic minerals	8,360	D	697	7.7	I	23	0.3
Grain mill products	11,381	I	448	4.1	I	143	1.3
Food and kindred products	10,942	D	675	5.8	D	429	3.8
Primary forest products	9,508	D	2,329	19.7	D	1,471	13.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,128	I	501	6.6	I	212	2.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,936	D	885	6.4	D	286	2.2
Chemicals and allied products	24,863	I	459	1.9	D	1,299	5.0
Petroleum products	4,661	D	488	9.5	I	33	0.7
Stone, clay and glass products	8,274	D	1,193	12.6	D	787	8.7
Coke	3,923	D	855	17.9	D	70	1.8
Metals and products	7,631	D	1,226	13.8	D	430	5.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,165	D	2,495	10.5	I	19	0.1
Waste and scrap materials	8,091	D	944	10.4	D	499	5.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,907	D	2,871	49.7	I	27	0.9
All other carloads	66,545	I	2,794	4.4	D	5,829	8.1
LCL traffic	84	D	52	38.2	D	23	21.5
Total Cars Loaded	364,994	D	29,044	7.4	D	21,596	5.6
Corresponding week of 1986	394,038						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (4 weeks)	1,371,538	1,445,762	D 5.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended January 17	45.4	47.7	D 4.8
Week ended January 24	16.5	17.9	D 7.8
4 Weeks cumulative	61.9	65.6	D 5.7

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WASHINGTON, February 5, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 31 totaled an estimated 16.8 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first five weeks of 1987 was an estimated 78.6 billion ton-miles, down 4.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 31 totaled 366,787, down 0.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.6 percent in the East and up 7.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain increased by 2,417 cars (10.6 percent) and chemicals and allied products showed a gain of 1,475 cars (6.0 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 24 totaled 92,550 trailers and/or containers, 0.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first four weeks of the year was 341,915 trailers and/or containers, up 2.5 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/31/87:

	Loadings in Week ended January 31, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,235	I	2,417	10.6	I	1,311	5.5
Other farm products	4,190	D	158	3.6	D	429	9.3
Metallic ores	11,890	D	832	6.5	D	1,109	8.5
Coal	100,400	D	6,641	6.2	D	4,137	4.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,974	I	516	6.1	D	542	5.7
Nonmetallic minerals	7,186	D	1,617	18.4	D	1,174	14.0
Grain mill products	11,418	I	689	6.4	I	37	0.3
Food and kindred products	11,025	D	135	1.2	I	83	0.8
Primary forest products	10,320	D	224	2.1	I	812	8.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,608	I	476	5.9	I	480	5.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,574	D	627	4.4	I	638	4.9
Chemicals and allied products	26,043	I	1,475	6.0	I	1,180	4.7
Petroleum products	5,163	I	202	4.1	I	502	10.8
Stone, clay and glass products	7,948	D	557	6.5	D	326	3.9
Coke	3,838	D	293	7.1	D	85	2.2
Metals and products	8,332	D	128	1.5	I	701	9.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,939	D	695	3.1	I	774	3.7
Waste and scrap materials	8,085	D	236	2.8	D	6	0.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,933	D	2,815	49.0	I	26	0.9
All other carloads	69,573	I	5,938	9.3	I	3,028	4.6
LCL traffic	113	D	32	22.1	I	29	34.5
Total Cars Loaded	366,787	D	3,277	0.9	I	1,793	0.5
Corresponding week of 1986	370,064						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (5 weeks)	1,738,325	1,815,826	D 4.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Four Weeks ended January 24	61.9	65.6	D 5.7
Week ended January 31	16.8	16.8	D 0.2
5 Weeks cumulative	78.6	82.4	D 4.6

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WASHINGTON, February 12, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 7 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first six weeks of 1987 was an estimated 96.1 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 7 totaled 391,457, up 2.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 6.7 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 1.0 percent in the East and up 5.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. However, grain increased by 2,795 cars (11.4 percent) and chemicals and allied products showed a gain of 1,609 cars (6.6 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 31 totaled 94,185 trailers and/or containers, 1.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first five weeks of the year was 436,105 trailers and/or containers, up 2.2 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/07/87:

	Loadings in Week ended February 7, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,308	I	2,795	11.4	I	2,073	8.2
Other farm products	3,764	I	104	2.8	D	426	10.2
Metallic ores	12,955	I	454	3.6	I	1,065	9.0
Coal	112,693	D	3,279	2.8	I	12,293	12.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,265	I	448	4.6	I	1,291	14.4
Nonmetallic minerals	9,243	I	137	1.5	I	2,057	28.6
Grain mill products	11,192	I	212	1.9	D	226	2.0
Food and kindred products	11,615	I	597	5.4	I	590	5.4
Primary forest products	11,023	D	513	4.4	I	703	6.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,775	I	600	8.4	D	833	9.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,992	D	546	4.0	D	582	4.3
Chemicals and allied products	26,013	I	1,609	6.6	D	30	0.1
Petroleum products	4,676	D	159	3.3	D	487	9.4
Stone, clay and glass products	8,894	I	142	1.6	I	946	11.9
Coke	4,311	I	1	0.0	I	473	12.3
Metals and products	8,457	I	803	10.5	I	125	1.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,290	D	671	2.9	I	351	1.6
Waste and scrap materials	8,681	D	55	0.6	I	596	7.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,159	D	2,476	43.9	I	226	7.7
All other carloads	74,050	I	8,124	12.3	I	4,477	6.4
LCL traffic	101	D	43	29.9	D	12	10.6
Total Cars Loaded	391,457	I	8,284	2.2	I	24,670	6.7
Corresponding week of 1986	383,457						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (6 weeks)	2,129,782	2,198,999	D 3.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Five Weeks ended January 31	78.6	82.4	D 4.6
Week ended February 7	17.5	17.4	I 0.5
6 Weeks cumulative	96.1	99.8	D 3.7

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WASHINGTON, February 20, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 14 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 3.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first seven weeks of 1987 was an estimated 113.5 billion ton-miles, down 2.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 14 totaled 387,984, up 5.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 0.9 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.4 percent in the East and up 8.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Coal showed a gain of 1,779 cars (1.7 percent) while chemicals and allied products increased by 1,790 cars (7.2 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 7 totaled 98,531 trailers and/or containers, 2.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first six weeks of the year was 534,636 trailers and/or containers, up 2.3 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/14/87:

	Loadings in Week ended February 14, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,692	I	3,418	14.7	D	616	2.3
Other farm products	3,405	I	555	19.5	D	359	9.5
Metallic ores	12,343	I	325	2.7	D	612	4.7
Coal	108,316	I	1,779	1.7	D	4,377	3.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,656	I	1,588	17.5	I	391	3.8
Nonmetallic minerals	8,785	D	1,181	11.9	D	458	5.0
Grain mill products	11,589	I	607	5.5	I	397	3.5
Food and kindred products	11,509	I	507	4.6	D	106	0.9
Primary forest products	11,251	I	306	2.8	I	228	2.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,167	I	859	11.8	I	392	5.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,170	D	368	2.7	I	178	1.4
Chemicals and allied products	26,775	I	1,790	7.2	I	762	2.9
Petroleum products	4,675	D	557	10.6	D	1	0.0
Stone, clay and glass products	9,669	I	1,161	13.6	I	775	8.7
Coke	4,238	D	624	12.8	D	73	1.7
Metals and products	9,007	I	1,014	12.7	I	550	6.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,241	D	567	2.5	D	49	0.2
Waste and scrap materials	8,895	I	290	3.4	I	214	2.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,862	D	2,820	49.6	D	297	9.4
All other carloads	73,636	I	10,980	17.5	D	414	0.6
LCL traffic	103	D	32	23.7	I	2	2.0
Total Cars Loaded	387,984	I	19,030	5.2	D	3,473	0.9
Corresponding week of 1986	368,954						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (7 weeks)	2,517,766	2,567,953	D 2.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
6 Weeks ended February 7	96.1	99.8	D 3.7
Week ended February 14	17.4	16.8	I 3.4
7 Weeks cumulative	113.5	116.6	D 2.6

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WASHINGTON, February 26, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 21 totaled an estimated 17.0 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first eight weeks of 1987 was an estimated 130.5 billion ton-miles, down 2.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 21 totaled 377,848, up 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 2.6 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 2.4 percent in the East and up 6.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 4,844 cars (22.8 percent) while chemicals and allied products increased by 2,813 cars (11.5 percent). Seventeen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 14 totaled 100,117 trailers and/or containers, 7.1 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first seven weeks of the year was 638,665 trailers and/or containers, up 3.7 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/21/87:

	Loadings in Week ended February 21, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,108	I	4,844	22.8	D	584	2.2
Other farm products	3,236	I	768	31.1	D	169	5.0
Metallic ores	12,144	D	654	5.1	D	199	1.6
Coal	107,280	D	4,589	4.1	D	1,036	1.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,539	D	786	7.6	D	1,117	10.5
Nonmetallic minerals	8,859	I	680	8.3	I	74	0.8
Grain mill products	11,382	I	808	7.6	D	207	1.8
Food and kindred products	10,651	I	165	1.6	D	858	7.5
Primary forest products	10,220	D	1,158	10.2	D	1,031	9.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,479	I	1,046	14.1	I	312	3.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,963	D	988	7.1	D	207	1.6
Chemicals and allied products	27,326	I	2,813	11.5	I	551	2.1
Petroleum products	4,791	I	637	15.3	I	116	2.5
Stone, clay and glass products	8,457	D	315	3.6	D	1,212	12.5
Coke	4,227	D	493	10.4	D	11	0.3
Metals and products	7,949	D	811	9.3	D	1,058	11.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,640	D	1,607	6.9	D	601	2.7
Waste and scrap materials	8,470	I	134	1.6	D	425	4.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,598	D	2,806	51.9	D	264	9.2
All other carloads	71,437	I	8,240	13.0	D	2,199	3.0
LCL traffic	92	D	31	25.2	D	11	10.7
Total Cars Loaded	377,848	I	5,897	1.6	D	10,136	2.6
Corresponding week of 1986	371,951						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (8 weeks)	2,895,614	2,939,904	D 1.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
7 Weeks ended February 14	113.5	116.6	D 2.6
Week ended February 21	17.0	16.8	I 1.3
8 Weeks cumulative	130.5	133.3	D 2.2

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WASHINGTON, March 5, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 28 totaled an estimated 17.1 billion ton-miles, 2.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first nine weeks of 1987 was an estimated 147.6 billion ton-miles, down 2.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 28 totaled 384,526, down 1.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.8 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 3.0 percent in the East and 0.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 5,494 cars (26.1 percent), while chemicals and allied products increased by 1,873 cars (6.9 percent). Eighteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 21 totaled 94,521 trailers and/or containers, 4.4 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first eight weeks of the year was 733,186 trailers and/or containers, up 3.8 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/28/87:

	Loadings in Week ended February 28, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,566	I	5,494	26.1	I	504	1.9
Other farm products	3,285	I	356	12.2	I	49	1.5
Metallic ores	14,566	I	951	7.0	I	2,425	20.0
Coal	103,521	D	10,695	9.4	D	3,758	3.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,910	D	853	7.9	I	392	4.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,068	D	2,114	18.9	I	210	2.4
Grain mill products	11,429	I	801	7.5	I	48	0.4
Food and kindred products	11,185	D	68	0.6	I	535	5.0
Primary forest products	10,179	D	1,273	11.1	D	12	0.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,917	I	388	4.5	I	434	5.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,548	D	837	5.8	I	565	4.4
Chemicals and allied products	28,860	I	1,873	6.9	I	1,529	5.6
Petroleum products	4,754	I	267	6.0	I	22	0.5
Stone, clay and glass products	9,116	D	347	3.7	I	656	7.8
Coke	4,187	D	678	13.9	D	40	0.9
Metals and products	8,747	D	918	9.5	I	797	10.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,183	D	1,298	5.5	I	561	2.6
Waste and scrap materials	8,761	D	193	2.2	I	261	3.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,065	D	2,770	47.5	I	467	18.0
All other carloads	72,580	I	5,316	7.9	I	1,142	1.6
LCL traffic	99	D	23	18.9	I	7	7.6
Total Cars Loaded	384,526	D	6,621	1.7	I	6,794	1.8
Corresponding week of 1986	391,147						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (9 weeks)	3,277,550	3,331,051	D 1.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
8 Weeks ended February 21	130.5	133.3	D 2.2
Week ended February 28	17.1	17.5	D 2.3
9 Weeks cumulative	147.6	150.9	D 2.2

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Cumulative volume for the first 10 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 164.7 billion ton-miles, down 2.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 7 totaled 384,533, up 0.1 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and virtually the same as the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 1.1 percent in the East and up 1.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 6,285 cars (28.8 percent), while metallic ores increased by 1,553 cars (12.6 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 28 totaled 98,452 trailers and/or containers, 0.4 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first nine weeks of the year was 831,581 trailers and/or containers, up 3.3 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/7/87:

	Loadings in Week ended March 7, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,128	I	6,285	28.8	I	1,562	5.9
Other farm products	3,385	I	100	3.0	I	100	3.0
Metallic ores	13,890	I	1,553	12.6	D	676	4.6
Coal	104,571	D	8,664	7.7	I	1,050	1.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,380	D	237	2.0	I	1,470	14.8
Nonmetallic minerals	8,617	D	806	8.6	D	451	5.0
Grain mill products	11,128	I	249	2.3	D	301	2.6
Food and kindred products	11,165	I	409	3.8	D	20	0.2
Primary forest products	10,536	D	828	7.3	I	357	3.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,993	I	162	2.1	D	924	10.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,750	D	848	6.2	D	798	5.9
Chemicals and allied products	26,402	I	961	3.8	D	2,458	8.5
Petroleum products	4,732	I	96	2.1	D	22	0.5
Stone, clay and glass products	9,988	D	51	0.5	I	872	9.6
Coke	4,495	D	320	6.6	I	308	7.4
Metals and products	8,201	D	253	3.0	D	546	6.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,506	D	1,858	8.0	D	677	3.1
Waste and scrap materials	8,694	I	124	1.4	D	67	0.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,999	D	2,680	47.2	D	66	2.2
All other carloads	73,858	I	6,960	10.4	I	1,278	1.8
LCL traffic	115	D	18	13.5	I	16	16.2
Total Cars Loaded	384,533	I	336	0.1	I	7	0.0
Corresponding week of 1986	384,197						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (10 weeks)	3,662,083	3,711,802	D 1.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
9 Weeks ended February 28	147.6	150.9	D 2.2
Week ended March 7	17.1	17.3	D 1.0
10 Weeks cumulative	164.7	168.1	D 2.0

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WASHINGTON, March 19, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 14 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 2.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 182.0 billion ton-miles, down 2.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 14 totaled 388,160, down 1.1 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 0.9 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 2.4 percent in the East and up 0.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 6,742 cars (30.9 percent), while coal decreased by 11,685 cars (10.1 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 7 totaled 99,208 trailers and/or containers, 1.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 10 weeks of the year was 930,789 trailers and/or containers, up 3.0 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/14/87:

	Loadings in Week ended March 14, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,535	I	6,742	30.9	I	407	1.4
Other farm products	4,209	I	1,266	43.0	I	824	24.3
Metallic ores	15,353	D	70	0.5	I	1,463	10.5
Coal	104,067	D	11,685	10.1	D	504	0.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,548	D	435	3.6	I	168	1.5
Nonmetallic minerals	8,372	D	1,889	18.4	D	245	2.8
Grain mill products	11,314	I	569	5.3	I	186	1.7
Food and kindred products	11,090	D	122	1.1	D	75	0.7
Primary forest products	10,823	I	192	1.8	I	287	2.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,472	I	466	5.8	I	479	6.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,825	D	711	5.3	I	75	0.6
Chemicals and allied products	26,883	D	305	1.1	I	481	1.8
Petroleum products	4,573	I	122	2.7	D	159	3.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,717	D	133	1.4	D	271	2.7
Coke	4,449	D	565	11.3	D	46	1.0
Metals and products	8,270	D	165	2.0	I	69	0.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,750	D	1,571	6.7	I	244	1.1
Waste and scrap materials	8,821	I	103	1.2	I	127	1.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,839	D	2,725	49.0	D	160	5.3
All other carloads	74,141	I	6,692	9.9	I	283	0.4
LCL traffic	109	D	19	14.8	D	6	5.2
Total Cars Loaded	388,160	D	4,243	1.1	I	3,627	0.9
Corresponding week of 1986	392,403						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (11 weeks)	4,050,243	4,104,205	D 1.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
10 Weeks ended March 7	164.7	168.1	D 2.0
Week ended March 14	17.3	17.7	D 2.2
11 Weeks cumulative	182.0	185.8	D 2.1

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WASHINGTON, March 26, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 21 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 1.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 12 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 199.5 billion ton-miles, down 1.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 21 totaled 394,079, up 1.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.1 percent in the East and 1.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 6,118 cars (29.4 percent), while coal decreased by 8,692 cars (7.5 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 14 totaled 101,231 trailers and/or containers, 3.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 11 weeks of the year was 1,031,976 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/21/87:

	Loadings in Week ended March 21, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,894	I	6,118	29.4	D	1,641	5.8
Other farm products	4,179	I	1,424	51.7	D	30	0.7
Metallic ores	15,182	D	400	2.6	D	171	1.1
Coal	107,541	D	8,692	7.5	I	3,470	3.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,351	I	275	2.3	I	803	7.0
Nonmetallic minerals	10,206	I	786	8.3	I	1,834	21.9
Grain mill products	10,912	I	701	6.9	D	402	3.6
Food and kindred products	11,236	I	305	2.8	I	146	1.3
Primary forest products	10,609	D	48	0.5	D	214	2.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,158	D	325	3.8	D	314	3.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,609	D	724	5.4	D	216	1.7
Chemicals and allied products	28,304	I	2,248	8.6	I	1,421	5.3
Petroleum products	4,952	I	459	10.2	I	379	8.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,031	I	526	5.5	I	314	3.2
Coke	4,617	I	67	1.5	I	168	3.8
Metals and products	8,357	D	314	3.6	I	87	1.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,919	D	538	2.4	I	169	0.8
Waste and scrap materials	9,015	I	525	6.2	I	194	2.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,767	D	2,846	50.7	D	72	2.5
All other carloads	74,119	I	7,575	11.4	D	22	0.0
LCL traffic	121	D	21	14.8	I	12	11.0
Total Cars Loaded	394,079	I	7,101	1.8	I	5,915	1.5
Corresponding week of 1986	386,978						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (12 weeks)	4,444,326	4,491,183	D 1.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
11 Weeks ended March 14	182.0	185.8	D 2.1
Week ended March 21	17.5	17.3	I 1.1
12 Weeks cumulative	199.5	203.1	D 1.8

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WASHINGTON, April 2, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 28 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 6.8 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 13 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 217.0 billion ton-miles, down 0.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 28 totaled 395,779 -- the highest since November 22, 1986. The week's carloadings were up 8.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.4 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 7.3 percent in the East and 8.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 18 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 7,565 cars (41.6 percent), and chemicals and allied products increased by 3,289 cars (13.4 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 21 totaled 98,489 trailers and/or containers, 1.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 12 weeks of the year was 1,130,465 trailers and/or containers, up 3.0 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/28/87:

	Loadings in Week ended March 28, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,744	I	7,565	41.6	D	1,150	4.3
Other farm products	3,777	I	1,033	37.6	D	402	9.6
Metallic ores	17,249	I	2,823	19.6	I	2,067	13.6
Coal	105,820	D	1,471	1.4	D	1,721	1.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,239	I	226	1.7	I	888	7.2
Nonmetallic minerals	8,809	I	242	2.8	D	1,397	13.7
Grain mill products	10,920	I	1,232	12.7	I	8	0.1
Food and kindred products	10,799	I	19	0.2	D	437	3.9
Primary forest products	10,860	I	604	5.9	I	251	2.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,768	I	182	2.1	I	610	7.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,978	D	392	2.9	I	369	2.9
Chemicals and allied products	27,878	I	3,289	13.4	D	426	1.5
Petroleum products	4,694	I	811	20.9	D	258	5.2
Stone, clay and glass products	10,108	I	405	4.2	I	77	0.8
Coke	5,016	I	1,064	26.9	I	399	8.6
Metals and products	9,390	I	8	0.1	I	1,033	12.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,733	I	3,032	16.2	D	186	0.8
Waste and scrap materials	9,033	I	1,415	18.6	I	18	0.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,841	D	2,692	48.7	I	74	2.7
All other carloads	75,985	I	9,879	14.9	I	1,866	2.5
LCL traffic	138	I	35	34.0	I	17	14.0
Total Cars Loaded	395,779	I	29,309	8.0	I	1,700	0.4
Corresponding week of 1986	366,470						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (13 weeks)	4,840,105	4,857,653	D 0.4

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
12 Weeks ended March 21	199.5	202.3 (Rev.)	D 1.8
Week ended March 28	17.6	16.4	I 6.8
13 Weeks cumulative	217.0	218.7	D 0.8

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WASHINGTON, April 9, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 4 totaled an estimated 17.0 billion ton-miles, 5.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 14 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 234.0 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 4 totaled 378,627. The week's carloadings were up 3.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but were 4.3 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.9 percent in the East and 5.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed an increase of 7,067 cars (36.7 percent). However, coal decreased by 7,706 cars (7.7 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 28 totaled 102,618 trailers and/or containers, 7.3 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 13 weeks of the year was 1,233,083 trailers and/or containers, up 3.3 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/4/87:

	Loadings in Week ended April 4, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,325	I	7,067	36.7	I	581	2.3
Other farm products	3,190	I	379	13.5	D	587	15.5
Metallic ores	13,943	I	201	1.5	D	3,306	19.2
Coal	92,920	D	7,706	7.7	D	12,900	12.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,411	D	184	1.4	I	172	1.3
Nonmetallic minerals	10,350	I	1,315	14.6	I	1,541	17.5
Grain mill products	10,826	I	417	4.0	D	94	0.9
Food and kindred products	11,153	I	309	2.8	I	354	3.3
Primary forest products	9,980	D	426	4.1	D	880	8.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,309	I	145	1.8	D	459	5.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,758	D	572	4.3	D	220	1.7
Chemicals and allied products	27,375	D	492	1.8	D	503	1.8
Petroleum products	4,794	I	261	5.8	I	100	2.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,466	I	71	0.7	I	358	3.5
Coke	5,127	I	226	4.6	I	111	2.1
Metals and products	9,365	I	27	0.3	D	25	0.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,586	I	2,141	11.6	D	1,147	5.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,573	I	344	4.2	D	460	5.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,838	D	2,494	46.8	D	3	0.1
All other carloads	76,220	I	12,409	19.4	I	235	0.3
LCL traffic	118	I	1	0.9	D	20	14.5
Total Cars Loaded	378,627	I	13,439	3.7	D	17,152	4.3
Corresponding week of 1986	365,188						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (14 weeks)	5,218,732	5,222,841	D 0.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
13 Weeks ended March 28	217.0	218.7	D 0.8
Week ended April 4	17.0	16.1	I 5.9
14 Weeks cumulative	234.0	234.8	D 0.3

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WASHINGTON, April 16, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 11 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 1.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 15 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 251.3 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 11 totaled 390,987, up 0.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 3.3 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 2.8 percent in the East but up 5.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Grain showed an increase of 8,612 cars (48.7 percent). However, coal decreased by 6,223 cars (5.5 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 4 totaled 100,772 trailers and/or containers, 8.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 14 weeks of the year was 1,333,855 trailers and/or containers, up 3.7 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/11/87:

	Loadings in Week ended April 11, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,310	I	8,612	48.7	D	15	0.1
Other farm products	3,379	I	548	19.4	I	189	5.9
Metallic ores	17,431	I	874	5.3	I	3,535	25.4
Coal	107,658	D	6,223	5.5	I	14,738	15.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,208	D	182	1.3	I	797	5.9
Nonmetallic minerals	9,193	D	758	7.6	D	1,157	11.2
Grain mill products	10,690	I	426	4.2	D	136	1.3
Food and kindred products	10,550	D	398	3.6	D	603	5.4
Primary forest products	10,582	I	515	5.1	I	602	6.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,213	I	117	1.4	D	96	1.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,130	D	439	3.5	D	624	4.9
Chemicals and allied products	26,193	D	1,586	5.7	D	1,182	4.3
Petroleum products	4,719	D	104	2.2	D	75	1.6
Stone, clay and glass products	10,670	I	138	1.3	I	204	1.9
Coke	4,773	D	260	5.2	D	354	6.9
Metals and products	7,970	D	1,042	11.6	D	1,395	14.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,714	D	1,704	7.6	I	128	0.6
Waste and scrap materials	8,611	D	266	3.0	I	39	0.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,826	D	2,567	47.6	D	12	0.4
All other carloads	74,072	I	7,646	11.5	D	2,148	2.8
LCL traffic	95	D	30	24.0	D	23	19.5
Total Cars Loaded	390,987	I	2,317	0.9	I	12,412	3.3
Corresponding week of 1986	387,670						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (15 weeks)	5,609,667	5,610,511	D 0.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
14 Weeks ended April 4	234.0	234.8	D 0.3
Week ended April 11	17.3	17.1	I 1.0
15 Weeks cumulative	251.3	251.9	D 0.2

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WASHINGTON, April 23, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 18 totaled an estimated 16.7 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1987 week included the Good Friday holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 16 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 268.1 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 18 totaled 377,529, down 2.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 3.4 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.5 percent in the East but up 2.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal decreased by 9,589 cars (8.4 percent). However, grain showed an increase of 6,653 cars (37.9 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 11 totaled 96,260 trailers and/or containers, 0.5 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 15 weeks of the year was 1,430,183 trailers and/or containers, up 3.4 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/18/87

	Loadings in Week ended April 18, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,228	I	6,653	37.9	D	2,082	7.9
Other farm products	3,659	I	797	27.8	I	280	8.3
Metallic ores	18,222	I	1,524	9.1	I	791	4.5
Coal	105,075	D	9,589	8.4	D	2,583	2.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,244	I	11	0.1	I	36	0.2
Nonmetallic minerals	8,665	D	1,808	17.3	D	528	5.7
Grain mill products	10,377	I	299	3.0	D	313	2.9
Food and kindred products	10,221	D	943	8.4	D	329	3.1
Primary forest products	10,070	D	157	1.5	D	512	4.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,139	D	299	3.5	D	74	0.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,355	D	292	2.3	I	225	1.9
Chemicals and allied products	25,661	D	1,004	3.8	D	532	2.0
Petroleum products	4,298	D	536	11.1	D	421	8.9
Stone, clay and glass products	10,145	D	548	5.1	D	525	4.9
Coke	4,765	D	142	2.9	D	8	0.2
Metals and products	8,540	I	421	5.2	I	570	7.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,419	D	5,262	23.2	D	3,295	15.9
Waste and scrap materials	7,670	D	1,139	12.9	D	941	10.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,542	D	2,945	53.7	D	284	10.0
All other carloads	71,151	I	3,735	5.5	D	2,921	3.9
LCL traffic	83	D	151	64.5	D	12	12.6
Total Cars Loaded	377,529	D	11,375	2.9	D	13,458	3.4
Corresponding week of 1986	388,904						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (16 weeks)	5,987,196	5,999,415	D 0.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
15 Weeks ended April 11	251.3	251.9	D 0.2
Week ended April 18	16.7	16.6	I 0.5
16 Weeks cumulative	268.1	268.5	D 0.2

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WASHINGTON, April 30, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 25 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 3.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 17 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 285.4 billion ton-miles, up 0.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 25 totaled 387,039, up 0.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 2.1 percent in the East but up 3.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Coal decreased by 7,326 cars (6.5 percent). However, grain showed an increase of 8,670 cars (51.6 percent). Seventeen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 18 totaled 95,669 trailers and/or containers, 1.8 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 16 weeks of the year was 1,525,830 trailers and/or containers, up 3.0 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/25/87:

	Loadings in Week ended April 25, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,479	I	8,670	51.6	I	1,251	5.2
Other farm products	3,602	I	687	23.6	D	57	1.6
Metallic ores	14,890	D	2,765	15.7	D	3,332	18.3
Coal	104,550	D	7,326	6.5	D	525	5.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,343	I	129	0.8	I	1,099	7.7
Nonmetallic minerals	10,144	I	12	0.1	I	1,479	17.1
Grain mill products	10,523	I	332	3.3	I	146	1.4
Food and kindred products	10,998	D	97	0.9	I	776	7.6
Primary forest products	11,027	I	739	7.2	I	957	9.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,655	I	172	2.0	I	516	6.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,640	I	36	0.3	I	285	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	28,103	I	2,378	9.2	I	2,432	9.5
Petroleum products	4,972	I	218	4.6	I	674	15.7
Stone, clay and glass products	10,918	I	339	3.2	I	773	7.6
Coke	5,169	I	212	4.3	I	404	8.5
Metals and products	9,024	I	444	5.2	I	484	5.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,865	D	3,813	16.8	I	1,446	8.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,106	D	421	4.9	I	436	5.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,551	D	631	19.8	I	9	0.4
All other carloads	71,399	I	2,473	3.6	I	248	0.3
LCL traffic	81	D	26	24.3	D	2	2.4
Total Cars Loaded	387,039	I	1,762	0.5	I	9,499	2.5
Corresponding week of 1986	385,277						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (17 weeks)	6,374,246	6,384,794	D 0.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
16 Weeks ended April 18	268.1	268.5	D 0.2
Week ended April 25	17.3	16.6	I 3.9
17 Weeks cumulative	285.4	285.2	I 0.1

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WASHINGTON, May 7, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 2 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 7.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 18 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 303.2 billion ton-miles, up 0.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 2 totaled 402,443, up 4.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 3.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.0 percent in the East and 5.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 6,755 cars (38.9 percent), while chemicals and allied products increased by 2,530 cars (9.9 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 25 totaled 96,304 trailers and/or containers, 0.1 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 17 weeks of the year was 1,622,134 trailers and/or containers, up 2.9 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/2/87:

	Loadings in Week ended May 2, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,129	I	6,755	38.9	D	1,362	5.3
Other farm products	3,830	I	772	25.2	I	228	6.3
Metallic ores	16,925	I	2,361	16.2	I	2,035	13.7
Coal	109,519	D	2,993	2.7	I	4,052	3.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,050	I	1,386	9.5	I	322	2.0
Nonmetallic minerals	10,088	D	576	5.4	D	56	0.6
Grain mill products	10,861	I	725	7.2	I	337	3.2
Food and kindred products	11,158	D	187	1.6	I	160	1.5
Primary forest products	10,982	I	968	9.7	D	45	0.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,906	I	407	4.8	I	241	2.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,777	D	327	2.5	I	133	1.1
Chemicals and allied products	28,041	I	2,530	9.9	D	265	0.9
Petroleum products	4,703	D	142	2.9	D	269	5.4
Stone, clay and glass products	11,274	I	311	2.8	I	324	3.0
Coke	5,194	D	27	0.5	I	25	0.5
Metals and products	10,038	I	574	6.1	I	1,005	11.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,004	D	1,053	4.8	I	2,134	11.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,632	I	345	4.2	I	522	6.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,732	D	524	16.1	I	181	7.1
All other carloads	75,503	I	6,098	8.8	I	4,047	5.7
LCL traffic	97	D	6	5.8	I	16	19.8
Total Cars Loaded	402,443	I	17,397	4.5	I	13,765	3.5
Corresponding week of 1986	385,046						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (18 weeks)	6,802,677	6,769,840	I 0.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
17 Weeks ended April 25	285.4	285.2	I 0.1
Week ended May 2	17.8	16.5	I 7.9
18 Weeks cumulative	303.2	301.7	I 0.5

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WASHINGTON, May 14, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 9 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 7.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 19 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 320.7 billion ton-miles, up 0.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 9 totaled 395,459, up 4.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.7 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.4 percent in the East and 9.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 8,824 cars (56.9 percent), however, coal decreased by 2,961 cars (2.7 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 2 totaled 97,670 trailers and/or containers, 2.1 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 18 weeks of the year was 1,719,892 trailers and/or containers, up 2.8 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/9/87:

	Loadings in Week ended May 9, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,340	I	8,824	56.9	I	211	0.9
Other farm products	3,785	I	288	8.2	D	45	1.2
Metallic ores	17,935	D	474	2.6	I	1,010	6.0
Coal	106,377	D	2,961	2.7	D	3,142	2.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,708	I	347	2.3	D	342	2.1
Nonmetallic minerals	10,664	I	330	3.2	I	576	5.7
Grain mill products	10,909	I	391	3.7	I	48	0.4
Food and kindred products	10,932	I	229	2.1	D	226	2.0
Primary forest products	11,147	I	800	7.7	I	165	1.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,239	I	268	3.4	D	667	7.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,478	D	105	0.8	D	299	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	26,103	I	375	1.5	D	1,938	6.9
Petroleum products	4,780	D	30	0.6	I	77	1.6
Stone, clay and glass products	11,073	I	620	5.9	D	201	1.8
Coke	5,083	D	142	2.7	D	111	2.1
Metals and products	8,980	I	327	3.8	D	1,058	10.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,718	D	647	3.2	D	286	1.4
Waste and scrap materials	8,165	D	26	0.3	D	467	5.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,793	I	6	0.2	I	61	2.2
All other carloads	75,136	I	7,929	11.8	D	367	0.5
LCL traffic	114	I	12	11.8	I	17	17.5
Total Cars Loaded	395,459	I	16,361	4.3	D	6,984	1.7
Corresponding week of 1986	379,098						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (19 weeks)	7,198,136	7,131,101	I 0.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
18 Weeks ended May 2	303.2	301.7	I 0.5
Week ended May 9	17.5	16.3	I 7.2
19 Weeks cumulative	320.7	318.0	I 0.8

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WASHINGTON, May 21, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 16 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 5.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 20 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 338.5 billion ton-miles, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 16 totaled 399,538, up 2.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.0 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.9 percent in the East and 3.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 8,567 cars (47.1 percent), however, metallic ores decreased by 7,998 cars (34.5 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 9 totaled 98,276 trailers and/or containers, 2.4 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 19 weeks of the year was 1,818,168 trailers and/or containers, up 2.8 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/16/87:

	Loadings in Week ended May 16, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,756	I	8,567	47.1	I	2,416	9.9
Other farm products	3,997	D	5	0.1	I	212	5.6
Metallic ores	15,188	D	7,998	34.5	D	2,747	15.3
Coal	111,684	I	1,059	1.0	I	5,307	5.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,828	I	704	4.7	I	120	0.8
Nonmetallic minerals	11,508	I	1,188	11.5	I	844	7.9
Grain mill products	11,028	I	557	5.3	I	119	1.1
Food and kindred products	10,876	D	138	1.3	D	56	0.5
Primary forest products	10,905	I	725	7.1	D	242	2.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,493	I	392	4.8	I	254	3.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,149	D	1,194	8.9	D	329	2.6
Chemicals and allied products	25,585	I	754	3.0	D	518	2.0
Petroleum products	4,981	I	70	1.4	I	201	4.2
Stone, clay and glass products	11,349	I	561	5.2	I	276	2.5
Coke	5,001	I	413	9.0	D	82	1.6
Metals and products	9,131	I	526	6.1	I	151	1.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,706	D	1,284	5.8	D	12	0.1
Waste and scrap materials	8,597	I	249	3.0	I	432	5.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,821	D	63	2.2	I	28	1.0
All other carloads	72,873	I	4,317	6.3	D	2,263	3.0
LCL traffic	82	D	22	21.2	D	32	28.1
Total Cars Loaded	399,538	I	9,378	2.4	I	4,079	1.0
Corresponding week of 1986	390,160						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (20 weeks)	7,597,674	7,521,261	I 1.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
19 Weeks ended May 9	320.7	318.0	I 0.8
Week ended May 16	17.8	16.8	I 5.9
20 Weeks cumulative	338.5	334.8	I 1.1

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WASHINGTON, May 29, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 23 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 5.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 21 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 356.4 billion ton-miles, up 1.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 23 totaled 406,624, up 3.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.8 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.7 percent in the East and 6.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 6,861 cars (34.4 percent), while nonmetallic minerals increased by 1,416 cars (15.3 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 16 totaled 96,196 trailers and/or containers, 1.7 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 20 weeks of the year was 1,914,364 trailers and/or containers, up 2.7 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/23/87:

	Loadings in Week ended May 23, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,809	I	6,861	34.4	I	53	0.2
Other farm products	4,342	I	305	7.6	I	345	8.6
Metallic ores	19,385	D	1,942	9.1	I	4,197	27.6
Coal	111,146	D	177	0.2	D	431	0.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,757	I	518	3.4	D	178	1.1
Nonmetallic minerals	10,688	I	1,416	15.3	D	793	6.9
Grain mill products	11,285	I	656	6.2	I	248	2.2
Food and kindred products	10,992	D	195	1.7	I	98	1.0
Primary forest products	11,060	I	454	4.3	I	156	1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,647	I	222	2.6	I	188	2.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,606	D	343	2.6	I	442	3.6
Chemicals and allied products	25,723	I	400	1.6	I	129	0.5
Petroleum products	4,888	D	14	0.3	D	102	2.0
Stone, clay and glass products	11,139	I	381	3.5	D	212	1.9
Coke	5,032	I	676	15.5	I	32	0.6
Metals and products	9,130	I	209	2.3	I	23	0.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,360	D	1,617	7.4	D	330	1.6
Waste and scrap materials	8,592	D	84	1.0	D	46	0.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,831	D	162	5.4	I	40	1.4
All other carloads	76,110	I	6,813	9.8	I	3,207	4.4
LCL traffic	102	I	12	13.3	I	20	24.4
Total Cars Loaded	406,624	I	14,389	3.7	I	7,086	1.8
Corresponding week of 1986	392,235						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (21 weeks)	8,004,298	7,913,496	I 1.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
20 Weeks ended May 16	338.5	334.8	I 1.1
Week ended May 23	17.9	17.0	I 5.1
21 Weeks cumulative	356.4	351.8	I 1.3

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WASHINGTON, June 4, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 30 totaled an estimated 16.2 billion ton-miles, 4.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Memorial Day Holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 372.5 billion ton-miles, up 1.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 30 totaled 361,074, up 3.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 11.2 percent below the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.4 percent in the East and 6.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 7,812 cars (45.8 percent), while chemicals and allied products increased by 1,579 cars (7.0 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 23 totaled 101,388 trailers and/or containers, 5.1 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of the year was 2,015,752 trailers and/or containers, up 2.9 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/30/87:

	Loadings in Week ended May 30, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,851	I	7,812	45.8	D	1,958	7.3
Other farm products	3,718	D	89	2.3	D	624	14.4
Metallic ores	16,775	D	2,446	12.7	D	2,610	13.5
Coal	99,356	D	1,079	1.1	D	11,790	10.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,851	I	686	5.6	D	2,906	18.4
Nonmetallic minerals	9,094	D	332	3.5	D	1,594	14.9
Grain mill products	10,005	I	708	7.6	D	1,280	11.3
Food and kindred products	9,919	I	301	3.1	D	1,073	9.8
Primary forest products	9,740	I	524	5.7	D	1,320	11.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,011	I	513	6.8	D	636	7.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,070	I	487	3.9	I	464	3.7
Chemicals and allied products	24,082	I	1,579	7.0	D	1,641	6.4
Petroleum products	4,358	D	34	0.8	D	530	10.8
Stone, clay and glass products	9,823	I	499	5.4	D	1,316	11.8
Coke	4,777	I	742	18.4	D	255	5.1
Metals and products	8,628	D	208	2.4	D	502	5.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,050	D	1,593	8.5	D	3,310	16.3
Waste and scrap materials	7,297	D	70	1.0	D	1,295	15.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,296	D	269	10.5	D	535	18.9
All other carloads	65,262	I	5,448	9.1	D	10,848	14.3
LCL traffic	111	I	21	23.3	I	9	8.8
Total Cars Loaded	361,074	I	13,200	3.8	D	45,550	11.2
Corresponding week of 1986	347,874						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (22 weeks)	8,365,372	8,261,370	I 1.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
21 Weeks ended May 23	356.4	351.8	I 1.3
Week ended May 30	16.2	15.4	I 4.7
22 Weeks cumulative	372.5	367.3	I 1.4

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WASHINGTON, June 12, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 6 totaled an estimated 18.5 billion ton-miles, 9.6 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 391.1 billion ton-miles, up 2.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 6 totaled 417,044, up 8.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 15.5 percent above the preceding holiday week. This week's carloadings were the highest since the week ended September 29, 1984. Compared with last year, loadings were up 6.7 percent in the East and 10.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 11,033 cars (59.6 percent), while coal increased by 10,729 cars (9.7 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the Memorial Day holiday week ended May 30 totaled 87,597 trailers and/or containers, 4.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 2,103,349 trailers and/or containers, up 2.9 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/06/87:

	Loadings in Week ended June 6, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,547	I	11,033	59.6	I	4,696	18.9
Other farm products	4,210	D	221	5.0	I	492	13.2
Metallic ores	18,514	D	1,883	9.2	I	1,739	10.4
Coal	121,238	I	10,729	9.7	I	21,874	22.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,972	I	1,364	9.3	I	3,112	24.2
Nonmetallic minerals	10,250	I	546	5.6	I	1,156	12.7
Grain mill products	10,949	I	261	2.4	I	942	9.4
Food and kindred products	11,088	D	29	0.3	I	1,158	11.7
Primary forest products	11,034	I	539	5.1	I	1,277	13.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,319	I	533	6.8	I	307	3.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,894	D	340	2.6	D	239	1.8
Chemicals and allied products	25,696	I	1,915	8.1	I	1,613	6.7
Petroleum products	4,772	D	51	1.1	I	414	9.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,551	I	641	5.9	I	1,726	17.6
Coke	5,059	I	704	16.2	I	282	5.9
Metals and products	8,784	I	90	1.0	I	157	1.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,608	D	1,623	7.3	I	3,558	20.9
Waste and scrap materials	8,605	I	501	6.2	I	1,306	17.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,895	D	200	6.5	I	599	26.1
All other carloads	74,963	I	7,417	11.0	I	9,675	14.8
LCL traffic	96	I	2	2.1	D	15	13.5
Total Cars Loaded	417,044	I	31,928	8.3	I	55,829	15.5
Corresponding week of 1986	385,116						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	8,782,446	8,646,486	I 1.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

22 Weeks ended May 30	372.5	366.5 (Rev.)	I 1.6
Week ended June 6	18.5	16.9	I 9.6
23 Weeks cumulative	391.1	383.4	I 2.0

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WASHINGTON, June 18, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 13 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 8.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 409.4 billion ton-miles, up 2.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 13 totaled 416,198, up 5.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 0.2 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.9 percent in the East and 9.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 7,880 cars (31.0 percent), and chemicals and allied products increased by 3,501 cars (15.5 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the preceding holiday week ended June 6 totaled 101,504 trailers and/or containers, 7.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 2,204,853 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/13/87:

	Loadings in Week ended June 13, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,308	I	7,880	31.0	I	3,761	12.7
Other farm products	5,354	I	1,089	25.5	I	1,144	27.2
Metallic ores	18,103	D	887	4.7	D	411	2.2
Coal	115,710	D	2,091	1.8	D	5,528	4.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,920	I	460	3.2	D	1,052	6.6
Nonmetallic minerals	10,031	I	764	8.2	D	219	2.3
Grain mill products	11,365	I	443	4.1	I	416	3.8
Food and kindred products	10,642	D	490	4.4	D	446	4.0
Primary forest products	10,769	I	176	1.7	D	265	2.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,637	I	760	9.6	I	318	3.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,204	D	505	4.0	D	690	5.4
Chemicals and allied products	26,035	I	3,501	15.5	I	339	1.3
Petroleum products	5,026	I	123	2.5	I	254	5.3
Stone, clay and glass products	11,176	I	645	6.1	D	375	3.2
Coke	4,527	I	374	9.0	D	532	10.5
Metals and products	8,688	I	1,080	14.2	D	96	1.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,394	D	726	3.3	I	786	3.8
Waste and scrap materials	8,923	I	555	6.6	I	318	3.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,882	D	247	7.9	D	13	0.4
All other carloads	76,418	I	8,415	12.4	I	1,455	1.9
LCL traffic	86	D	13	13.1	D	10	10.4
Total Cars Loaded	416,198	I	21,306	5.4	D	846	0.2
Corresponding week of 1986	394,892						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	9,198,644	9,041,378	I 1.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
23 Weeks ended June 6	391.1	383.4	I 2.0
Week ended June 13	18.3	16.9	I 8.3
24 Weeks cumulative	409.4	400.3	I 2.3

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WASHINGTON, June 25, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 20 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 6.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 427.5 billion ton-miles, up 2.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 20 totaled 412,146, up 4.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.0 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.3 percent in the East and 8.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 4,898 cars (17.3 percent), and metallic ores increased by 2,985 cars (19.4 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 13 totaled 101,481 trailers and/or containers, 5.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 2,306,334 trailers and/or containers, up 3.2 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/20/87:

	Loadings in Week ended June 20, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,228	I	4,898	17.3	D	80	0.2
Other farm products	6,517	I	2,379	57.5	I	1,163	21.7
Metallic ores	18,362	I	2,985	19.4	I	259	1.4
Coal	115,937	I	55	0.0	I	227	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,898	D	98	0.7	D	1,022	6.8
Nonmetallic minerals	9,409	D	227	2.4	D	622	6.2
Grain mill products	10,794	D	86	0.8	D	571	5.0
Food and kindred products	10,708	D	198	1.8	I	66	0.6
Primary forest products	10,421	D	435	4.0	D	348	3.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,600	I	200	2.4	D	37	0.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,333	D	774	5.9	I	129	1.1
Chemicals and allied products	24,993	I	2,545	11.3	D	1,042	4.0
Petroleum products	5,054	I	198	4.1	I	28	0.6
Stone, clay and glass products	10,546	D	1	0.0	D	630	5.6
Coke	5,548	I	827	17.5	I	1,021	22.6
Metals and products	8,814	I	1,211	15.9	I	126	1.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,004	D	2,113	9.6	D	1,390	6.5
Waste and scrap materials	8,841	I	723	8.9	D	82	0.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,666	D	332	11.1	D	216	7.5
All other carloads	75,375	I	6,775	9.9	D	1,043	1.4
LCL traffic	98	D	13	11.7	I	12	14.0
Total Cars Loaded	412,146	I	18,519	4.7	D	4,052	1.0
Corresponding week of 1986	393,627						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	9,610,790	9,435,005	I 1.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
24 Weeks ended June 13	409.4	400.3	I 2.3
Week ended June 20	18.1	17.1	I 6.0
25 Weeks cumulative	427.5	417.4	I 2.4

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WASHINGTON, July 2, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 27 totaled an estimated 18.4 billion ton-miles, 7.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 445.8 billion ton-miles, up 2.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 27 totaled 415,777, up 5.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.9 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.2 percent in the East and 9.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 7,332 cars (26.8 percent), and coal increased by 3,141 cars (2.8 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 20 totaled 100,570 trailers and/or containers, 3.7 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 2,406,904 trailers and/or containers, up 3.2 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/27/87:

	Loadings in Week ended June 27, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,688	I	7,332	26.8	I	1,460	4.4
Other farm products	4,381	I	140	3.3	D	2,136	32.8
Metallic ores	16,035	D	1,339	7.7	D	2,327	12.7
Coal	117,180	I	3,141	2.8	I	1,243	1.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,399	I	1,997	13.9	I	2,501	18.0
Nonmetallic minerals	10,032	I	331	3.4	I	623	6.6
Grain mill products	10,825	I	286	2.7	I	31	0.3
Food and kindred products	10,661	D	799	7.0	D	47	0.4
Primary forest products	10,630	I	26	0.2	I	209	2.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,252	I	815	9.7	I	652	7.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,009	D	341	2.6	I	676	5.5
Chemicals and allied products	25,703	I	2,809	12.3	I	710	2.8
Petroleum products	4,982	I	63	1.3	D	72	1.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,632	I	389	3.8	I	86	0.8
Coke	5,576	I	1,653	42.1	I	28	0.5
Metals and products	8,728	I	768	9.6	D	86	1.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,827	D	3,151	15.0	D	2,177	10.9
Waste and scrap materials	8,307	I	138	1.7	D	534	6.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,890	D	594	17.0	I	224	8.4
All other carloads	77,934	I	7,866	11.2	I	2,559	3.4
LCL traffic	106	D	7	6.2	I	8	8.2
Total Cars Loaded	415,777	I	21,523	5.5	I	3,631	0.9
Corresponding week of 1986	394,254						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks)	10,026,567	9,829,259	I 2.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
25 Weeks ended June 20	427.5	417.4	I 2.4
Week ended June 27	18.4	17.1	I 7.2
26 Weeks cumulative	445.8	434.5	I 2.6

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WASHINGTON, July 9, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 4 totaled an estimated 16.2 billion ton-miles, 15.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Independence Day holiday and part of the coal miners' vacation period.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 462.0 billion ton-miles, up 3.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 4 totaled 347,620, up 19.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 16.4 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 27.5 percent in the East and 13.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 19 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 8,202 cars (38.3 percent), and coal increased by 11,963 cars (17.2 percent). Eighteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 27 totaled 103,914 trailers and/or containers, 6.1 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 2,510,148 trailers and/or containers, up 3.3 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/04/87:

	Loadings in Week ended July 4, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,620	I	8,202	38.3	D	5,068	14.6
Other farm products	4,133	I	589	16.6	D	248	5.7
Metallic ores	17,630	I	746	4.4	I	1,595	9.9
Coal	81,376	I	11,963	17.2	D	35,804	30.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,784	I	3,704	36.7	D	2,615	15.9
Nonmetallic minerals	8,198	I	1,167	16.6	D	1,834	18.3
Grain mill products	9,324	I	280	3.1	D	1,501	13.9
Food and kindred products	9,685	I	426	4.6	D	976	9.2
Primary forest products	9,311	I	2,853	44.2	D	1,319	12.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,448	I	1,819	32.3	D	1,804	19.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,981	I	691	6.1	D	1,028	7.9
Chemicals and allied products	23,693	I	4,376	22.7	D	2,010	7.8
Petroleum products	4,448	I	564	14.5	D	534	10.7
Stone, clay and glass products	9,988	I	1,889	23.3	D	644	6.1
Coke	5,074	I	1,657	48.5	D	502	9.0
Metals and products	9,004	I	1,663	22.7	I	276	3.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,736	D	966	7.1	D	5,091	28.6
Waste and scrap materials	7,065	I	1,353	23.7	D	1,242	15.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,924	I	254	9.5	I	34	1.2
All other carloads	70,115	I	14,526	26.1	D	7,819	10.0
LCL traffic	83	D	27	24.5	D	23	21.7
Total Cars Loaded	347,620	I	57,729	19.9	D	68,157	16.4
Corresponding week of 1986	289,891						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	10,378,541	10,119,150	I 2.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
26 Weeks ended June 27	445.8	434.5	I 2.6
Week ended July 4	16.2	14.0	I 15.3
27 Weeks cumulative	462.0	448.6	I 3.0

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WASHINGTON, July 16, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 11 totaled an estimated 16.7 billion ton-miles, 6.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the coal miners' vacation period.

Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 478.7 billion ton-miles, up 3.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 11 totaled 355,250, up 2.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.2 percent above the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 0.7 percent in the East but up 5.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 8,193 cars (34.3 percent), but motor vehicles and equipment decreased by 3,884 cars (25.2 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended July 4 totaled 94,357 trailers and/or containers, 15.4 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 2,604,505 trailers and/or containers, up 3.7 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/11/87:

	Loadings in Week ended July 11, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,079	I	8,193	34.3	I	2,459	8.3
Other farm products	3,706	I	21	0.6	D	427	10.3
Metallic ores	15,293	D	3,040	16.6	D	2,337	13.3
Coal	83,777	D	2,790	3.2	I	2,401	3.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,439	I	438	2.9	I	1,655	12.0
Nonmetallic minerals	9,436	D	192	2.0	I	1,238	15.1
Grain mill products	10,436	I	7	0.1	I	1,112	11.9
Food and kindred products	10,048	D	282	2.7	I	363	3.7
Primary forest products	10,509	I	364	3.6	I	1,198	12.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,417	I	525	7.6	D	31	0.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,645	I	494	4.1	I	664	5.5
Chemicals and allied products	24,786	I	2,474	11.1	I	1,093	4.6
Petroleum products	5,221	I	96	1.9	I	773	17.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,694	I	567	5.6	I	706	7.1
Coke	5,255	I	568	12.1	I	181	3.6
Metals and products	8,445	I	1,185	16.3	D	559	6.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	11,548	D	3,884	25.2	D	1,188	9.3
Waste and scrap materials	7,861	I	389	5.2	I	796	11.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,859	D	29	1.0	D	65	2.2
All other carloads	67,727	I	3,418	5.3	D	2,388	3.4
LCL traffic	69	D	42	37.8	D	14	16.9
Total Cars Loaded	355,250	I	8,480	2.4	I	7,630	2.2
Corresponding week of 1986	346,770						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (28 weeks)	10,733,791	10,465,920	I 2.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
27 Weeks ended July 4	462.0	448.6	I 3.0
Week ended July 11	16.7	15.7	I 6.2
28 Weeks cumulative	478.7	464.3	I 3.1

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WASHINGTON, July 23, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 18 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 6.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 496.4 billion ton-miles, up 3.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 18 totaled 386,855, up 3.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 8.9 percent above the preceding week, which included the end of the annual coal miners' two-week vacation period. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.2 percent in the East and up 7.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 8,773 cars (34.1 percent), coal gained 4,411 cars (4.3 percent), but motor vehicles and equipment decreased by 3,381 cars (18.9 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the preceding week ended July 11 totaled 92,595 trailers and/or containers, 1.6 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of the year was 2,696,742 trailers and/or containers, up 3.5 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/18/87:

	Loadings in Week ended July 18, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,482	I	8,773	34.1	I	2,403	7.5
Other farm products	3,464	I	9	0.3	D	242	6.5
Metallic ores	15,451	D	1,322	7.9	I	158	1.0
Coal	107,797	I	4,411	4.3	I	24,020	28.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,414	I	1,224	8.1	I	975	6.3
Nonmetallic minerals	8,488	D	909	9.7	D	948	10.0
Grain mill products	10,673	I	403	3.9	I	237	2.3
Food and kindred products	10,387	D	521	4.8	I	339	3.4
Primary forest products	10,887	I	472	4.5	I	378	3.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,225	I	744	9.9	I	808	10.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,529	D	508	4.2	D	1,116	8.8
Chemicals and allied products	24,056	I	717	3.1	D	730	2.9
Petroleum products	5,142	I	197	4.0	D	79	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	10,918	I	500	4.8	I	224	2.1
Coke	4,913	I	553	12.7	D	342	6.5
Metals and products	9,036	I	376	4.3	I	591	7.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,511	D	3,381	18.9	I	2,963	25.7
Waste and scrap materials	8,566	I	845	10.9	I	705	9.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,817	D	277	9.0	D	42	1.5
All other carloads	69,042	I	1,582	2.3	I	1,315	1.9
LCL traffic	57	D	56	49.6	D	12	17.4
Total Cars Loaded	386,855	I	13,382	3.7	I	31,605	8.9
Corresponding week of 1986	373,023						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (29 weeks)	11,120,646	10,838,943	I 2.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
28 Weeks ended July 11	478.7	464.3	I 3.1
Week ended July 18	17.8	16.7	I 6.5
29 Weeks cumulative	496.4	481.0	I 3.2

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WASHINGTON, July 30, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 25 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 5.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 514.6 billion ton-miles carried, up 3.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended July 25 totaled 400,263, up 4.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.1 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 4.1 percent in the East and up 4.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 4,862 cars loaded (18.2 percent), and chemicals and allied products increased by 2,725 cars (12.1 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the preceding week ended July 18 totaled 99,406 trailers and/or containers, 5.8 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 2,796,148 trailers and/or containers, up 3.6 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/25/87:

	Loadings in Week ended July 25, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,589	I	4,862	18.2	D	2,893	8.4
Other farm products	3,320	I	451	15.7	D	214	6.1
Metallic ores	17,188	D	1,322	7.1	I	1,737	11.2
Coal	112,358	D	24	0.0	I	4,561	4.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,580	I	2,229	15.5	I	166	1.0
Nonmetallic minerals	7,950	D	594	7.0	D	539	6.3
Grain mill products	10,732	I	443	4.3	I	26	0.2
Food and kindred products	11,004	I	354	3.3	I	446	4.2
Primary forest products	11,040	I	764	7.4	I	153	1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,211	I	260	3.3	D	22	0.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,060	D	159	1.3	I	342	2.9
Chemicals and allied products	25,264	I	2,725	12.1	I	936	3.8
Petroleum products	5,233	I	341	7.0	I	78	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,267	I	910	8.8	I	184	1.7
Coke	5,475	I	1,927	54.3	I	562	11.4
Metals and products	9,084	I	419	4.8	I	31	0.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,967	D	2,420	13.9	I	439	3.0
Waste and scrap materials	8,497	I	545	6.9	D	92	1.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,744	D	247	8.3	D	215	7.3
All other carloads	75,628	I	5,698	8.1	I	2,654	3.6
LCL traffic	72	D	37	33.9	I	7	10.8
Total Cars Loaded	400,263	I	17,125	4.5	I	8,347	2.1
Corresponding week of 1986	383,138						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks)	11,525,970	11,222,081	I 2.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
29 Weeks ended July 18	496.4	481.0	I 3.2
Week ended July 25	18.2	17.3	I 5.5
30 Weeks cumulative	514.6	498.2	I 3.3

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WASHINGTON, August 6, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 1 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 6.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 533.0 billion ton-miles carried, up 3.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 1 totaled 404,197, up 5.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.0 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 5.6 percent in the East and up 6.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 6,269 cars loaded (25.7 percent) and nonmetalic minerals increased by 2,973 cars (38.7 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the preceding week ended July 25 totaled 99,451 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of the year was 2,895,599 trailers and/or containers, up 3.6 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/1/87:

	Loadings in Week ended August 1, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,659	I	6,269	25.7	D	930	2.9
Other farm products	3,293	I	595	22.1	D	27	0.8
Metallic ores	15,892	D	1,292	7.5	D	1,296	7.5
Coal	114,542	I	1,748	1.5	I	2,184	1.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,781	I	1,517	9.9	I	201	1.2
Nonmetallic minerals	10,653	I	2,973	38.7	I	2,703	34.0
Grain mill products	10,561	I	73	0.7	D	171	1.6
Food and kindred products	11,526	I	319	2.8	I	522	4.7
Primary forest products	10,884	I	647	6.3	D	156	1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,957	I	575	6.9	I	746	9.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,928	I	199	1.6	I	868	7.2
Chemicals and allied products	25,071	I	1,854	8.0	D	193	0.8
Petroleum products	5,135	I	222	4.5	D	98	1.9
Stone, clay and glass products	11,450	I	873	8.3	I	183	1.6
Coke	5,152	I	1,775	52.6	D	323	5.9
Metals and products	9,375	I	222	2.4	I	291	3.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,968	D	1,654	10.6	D	999	6.7
Waste and scrap materials	8,405	I	1,070	14.6	D	92	1.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,777	D	419	13.1	I	33	1.2
All other carloads	76,091	I	4,767	6.7	I	463	0.6
LCL traffic	97	D	22	18.5	I	25	34.7
Total Cars Loaded	404,197	I	22,311	5.8	I	3,934	1.0
Corresponding week of 1986	381,886						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (31 weeks)	11,930,167	11,603,967	I 2.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
30 Weeks ended July 25	514.6	498.2	I 3.3
Week ended August 1	18.3	17.3	I 6.2
31 Weeks cumulative	533.0	515.5	I 3.4

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WASHINGTON, August 13, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 8 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 6.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 32 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 551.2 billion ton-miles carried, up 3.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 8 totaled 396,683, up 5.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.9 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 6.3 percent in the East and up 4.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 4,075 cars loaded (16.1 percent) and chemicals and allied products increased by 3,406 cars (15.3 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 1, totaled 101,213 trailers and/or containers, 1.5 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 31 weeks of the year was 2,996,812 trailers and/or containers, up 3.5 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/8/87:

	Loadings in Week ended August 8, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,458	I	4,075	16.1	D	1,419	4.6
Other farm products	2,810	D	316	10.1	D	484	14.7
Metallic ores	13,146	D	2,133	14.0	D	2,739	17.2
Coal	112,801	D	1,519	1.3	D	1,564	1.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,602	I	3,074	21.2	I	850	5.1
Nonmetallic minerals	10,102	I	884	9.6	D	576	5.4
Grain mill products	10,430	D	77	0.7	D	39	0.4
Food and kindred products	10,834	D	22	0.2	D	705	6.1
Primary forest products	10,447	I	596	6.1	D	403	3.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,948	I	779	10.9	D	995	11.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,438	D	384	3.0	D	568	4.4
Chemicals and allied products	25,657	I	3,406	15.3	I	491	2.0
Petroleum products	4,849	D	397	7.6	D	320	6.2
Stone, clay and glass products	11,120	I	734	7.1	D	352	3.1
Coke	4,969	I	1,491	42.9	D	196	3.8
Metals and products	8,889	I	1,925	27.6	D	471	5.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,381	D	517	3.5	I	403	2.9
Waste and scrap materials	8,561	I	1,066	14.2	I	137	1.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,052	D	186	5.7	I	275	9.9
All other carloads	77,110	I	7,677	11.1	I	1,073	1.4
LCL traffic	79	D	12	13.2	D	6	7.1
Total Cars Loaded	396,683	I	20,144	5.3	D	7,608	1.9
Corresponding week of 1986	376,539						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (32 weeks)	12,326,944	11,980,506	I 2.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
31 Weeks ended August 1	533.0	515.5	I 3.4
Week ended August 8	18.2	17.1	I 6.7
32 Weeks cumulative	551.2	532.5	I 3.5

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WASHINGTON, August 20, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 15 totaled an estimated 19.0 billion ton-miles, 9.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 33 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 570.2 billion ton-miles carried, up 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 15 totaled 417,389, up 8.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 4.4 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 6.7 percent in the East and up 10.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 6,143 cars loaded (26.1 percent) and coal increased by 4,402 cars (3.7 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 8 totaled 100,161 trailers and/or containers, 2.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of the year was 3,096,836 trailers and/or containers, up 3.5 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/15/87:

	Loadings in Week ended August 15, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,690	I	6,143	26.1	D	51	0.2
Other farm products	2,702	D	332	10.9	D	115	4.1
Metallic ores	16,423	I	1,571	10.6	I	3,118	23.4
Coal	122,806	I	4,402	3.7	I	9,606	8.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,360	I	3,556	24.0	I	902	5.2
Nonmetallic minerals	9,957	I	653	7.0	D	244	2.4
Grain mill products	10,790	I	465	4.5	I	326	3.1
Food and kindred products	11,064	I	14	0.1	I	69	0.6
Primary forest products	10,590	I	672	6.8	I	117	1.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,990	I	195	2.5	I	298	3.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,292	D	322	2.6	D	126	1.0
Chemicals and allied products	26,775	I	2,098	8.5	I	794	3.1
Petroleum products	5,377	I	392	7.9	I	488	10.0
Stone, clay and glass products	11,079	I	638	6.1	D	198	1.8
Coke	5,152	I	1,576	44.1	I	138	2.8
Metals and products	9,367	I	2,021	27.5	I	170	1.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,372	D	1,615	9.5	I	877	6.1
Waste and scrap materials	8,857	I	972	12.3	I	360	4.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,994	D	194	6.1	D	77	2.5
All other carloads	79,658	I	9,816	14.1	I	1,238	1.6
LCL traffic	94	I	13	16.0	I	11	13.3
Total Cars Loaded	417,389	I	32,734	8.5	I	17,701	4.4
Corresponding week of 1986	384,655						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (33 weeks)	12,747,338	12,365,161	I 3.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
32 Weeks ended August 8	551.2	532.5	I 3.5
Week ended August 15	19.0	17.4	I 9.3
33 Weeks cumulative	570.2	549.9	I 3.7

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WASHINGTON, August 27, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 22 totaled an estimated 19.2 billion ton-miles, 10.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 34 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 589.3 billion ton-miles carried, up 3.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 22 totaled 423,537, highest since the week ended Sept. 29, 1984. Carloadings were up 9.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 8.3 percent in the East and up 10.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 6,520 cars loaded (25.8 percent) and coal increased by 11,949 cars (10.4 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 15 totaled 99,177 trailers and/or containers, 1.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 33 weeks of the year was 3,196,013 trailers and/or containers, up 3.4 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/22/87:

	Loadings in Week ended August 22, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,807	I	6,520	25.8	I	2,121	7.1
Other farm products	2,403	D	442	15.5	D	299	11.1
Metallic ores	18,546	I	1,072	6.1	I	2,124	12.9
Coal	127,155	I	11,949	10.4	I	4,395	3.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,914	I	1,787	11.8	D	1,274	7.0
Nonmetallic minerals	9,801	I	653	7.1	D	156	1.6
Grain mill products	10,736	I	268	2.6	D	54	0.5
Food and kindred products	11,134	I	356	3.3	I	70	0.6
Primary forest products	10,802	I	715	7.1	I	211	2.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,416	I	498	6.3	I	430	5.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,013	D	813	6.3	D	282	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	25,980	I	1,718	7.1	D	804	3.0
Petroleum products	4,904	I	7	0.1	D	474	8.8
Stone, clay and glass products	11,410	I	926	8.8	I	316	2.8
Coke	5,005	I	1,496	42.6	D	147	2.9
Metals and products	9,398	I	2,263	31.7	I	35	0.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,552	D	2,165	12.2	I	181	1.2
Waste and scrap materials	8,881	I	1,135	14.7	I	20	0.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,105	D	293	8.6	I	111	3.7
All other carloads	79,498	I	9,250	13.2	D	167	0.2
LCL traffic	77	D	7	8.3	D	17	18.1
Total Cars Loaded	423,537	I	36,893	9.5	I	6,340	1.5
Corresponding week of 1986	386,644						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (34 weeks)	13,170,683	12,751,805	I 3.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
33 Weeks ended August 15	570.2	549.9	I 3.7
Week ended August 22	19.2	17.4	I 10.0
34 Weeks cumulative	589.3	567.3	I 3.9

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WASHINGTON, September 3, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 29 totaled an estimated 19.3 billion ton-miles, 10.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 608.7 billion ton-miles carried, up 4.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 29 totaled 425,765, up 8.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 6.0 percent in the East and up 11.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 7,791 cars loaded (33.6 percent) and coal increased by 8,912 cars (7.7 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 22 totaled 100,266 trailers and/or containers, 0.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 34 weeks of the year was 3,296,505 trailers and/or containers, up 3.3 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/29/87:

	Loadings in Week ended August 29, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,945	I	7,791	33.6	D	862	2.7
Other farm products	2,682	D	34	1.3	I	279	11.6
Metallic ores	18,128	I	2,455	15.7	D	418	2.3
Coal	125,023	I	8,912	7.7	D	2,132	1.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,229	I	2,147	14.2	I	315	1.9
Nonmetallic minerals	10,061	I	2,111	26.6	I	260	2.7
Grain mill products	10,394	D	157	1.5	D	342	3.2
Food and kindred products	11,247	I	417	3.9	I	113	1.0
Primary forest products	10,698	I	368	3.6	D	104	1.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,822	I	418	5.0	I	406	4.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,628	D	220	1.7	I	615	5.1
Chemicals and allied products	25,762	D	238	0.9	D	218	0.8
Petroleum products	4,973	D	202	3.9	I	69	1.4
Stone, clay and glass products	11,213	I	264	2.4	D	197	1.7
Coke	5,694	I	1,901	50.1	I	689	13.8
Metals and products	9,728	I	1,916	24.5	I	330	3.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,908	D	2,242	11.7	I	1,356	8.7
Waste and scrap materials	9,088	I	897	11.0	I	207	2.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,239	D	445	12.1	I	134	4.3
All other carloads	81,211	I	7,776	10.6	I	1,713	2.2
LCL traffic	92	D	7	7.1	I	15	19.5
Total Cars Loaded	425,765	I	33,828	8.6	I	2,228	0.5
Corresponding week of 1986	391,937						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (35 weeks)	13,596,405	13,143,699	I 3.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
34 Weeks ended August 22	589.3	567.3	I 3.9
Week ended August 29	19.3	17.5	I 10.7
35 Weeks cumulative	608.7	584.8	I 4.1

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WASHINGTON, September 11, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 5 totaled an estimated 19.7 billion ton-miles, 30.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, which included the Labor Day holiday, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 36 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 628.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 4.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended September 5 totaled 433,854, up 28.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.9 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 30.0 percent in the East and up 27.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, all of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 10,926 cars loaded (52.0 percent) and coal increased by 26,999 cars (27.6 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 29 totaled 103,790 trailers and/or containers, 0.9 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of the year was 3,400,295 trailers and/or containers, up 3.2 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/05/87:

	Loadings in Week ended September 5, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,953	I	10,926	52.0	I	1,008	3.3
Other farm products	2,802	I	326	13.2	I	120	4.5
Metallic ores	19,194	I	1,525	8.6	I	1,066	5.9
Coal	124,864	I	26,999	27.6	D	159	0.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,061	I	4,792	39.1	D	168	1.0
Nonmetallic minerals	10,761	I	3,235	43.0	I	700	7.0
Grain mill products	11,005	I	1,648	17.6	I	611	5.9
Food and kindred products	10,847	I	1,478	15.8	D	400	3.6
Primary forest products	10,720	I	2,300	27.3	I	22	0.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,484	I	2,201	35.0	D	338	3.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,893	I	607	4.9	I	265	2.1
Chemicals and allied products	27,776	I	5,917	27.1	I	2,014	7.8
Petroleum products	5,356	I	1,392	35.1	I	383	7.7
Stone, clay and glass products	11,643	I	2,683	29.9	I	430	3.8
Coke	4,748	I	1,185	33.3	D	946	16.6
Metals and products	10,212	I	3,718	57.3	I	484	5.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,021	I	1,554	9.4	I	1,113	6.6
Waste and scrap materials	9,358	I	3,009	47.4	I	270	3.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,356	I	443	15.2	I	117	3.6
All other carloads	82,670	I	20,946	33.9	I	1,459	1.8
LCL traffic	130	I	17	15.0	I	38	41.3
Total Cars Loaded	433,854	I	96,901	28.8	I	8,089	1.9
Corresponding week of 1986	336,953						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (36 weeks)	14,030,259	13,480,652	I 4.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
35 Weeks ended August 29	608.7	584.8	I 4.1
Week ended September 5	19.7	15.1	I 30.4
36 Weeks cumulative	628.4	599.9	I 4.7

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WASHINGTON, September 17, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 12, which included the Labor Day Holiday, totaled an estimated 16.4 billion ton-miles, 6.6 percent below the corresponding non-holiday week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 37 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 644.8 billion ton-miles carried, up 4.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the holiday week ended September 12 totaled 373,891, down 7.3 percent from the corresponding non-holiday week of last year, and 13.8 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 12.6 percent in the East and down 1.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal decreased by 8,993 cars (7.5 percent), while motor vehicles and equipment showed a drop of 4,767 cars (23.0 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 5 totaled 105,390 trailers and/or containers, 21.4 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 36 weeks of the year was 3,505,685 trailers and/or containers, up 3.7 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/12/87:

	Loadings in Week ended September 12, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,188	D	229	0.8	D	3,765	11.8
Other farm products	3,160	D	679	17.7	I	358	12.8
Metallic ores	17,652	D	1,985	10.1	D	1,542	8.0
Coal	110,446	D	8,993	7.5	D	14,418	11.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,998	D	1,624	10.4	D	3,063	18.0
Nonmetallic minerals	9,463	I	773	8.9	D	1,298	12.1
Grain mill products	9,535	D	1,287	11.9	D	1,470	13.4
Food and kindred products	9,518	D	1,299	12.0	D	1,329	12.3
Primary forest products	8,900	D	1,642	15.6	D	1,820	17.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,860	D	1,061	13.4	D	1,624	19.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,704	D	976	7.7	D	1,189	9.2
Chemicals and allied products	23,497	D	2,010	7.9	D	4,279	15.4
Petroleum products	4,622	I	100	2.2	D	734	13.7
Stone, clay and glass products	10,352	D	364	3.4	D	1,291	11.1
Coke	5,081	I	1,657	48.4	I	333	7.0
Metals and products	8,433	I	1,080	14.7	D	1,779	17.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,971	D	4,767	23.0	D	2,050	11.4
Waste and scrap materials	7,723	I	32	0.4	D	1,635	17.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,568	D	827	24.4	D	788	23.5
All other carloads	66,119	D	5,219	7.3	D	16,551	20.0
LCL traffic	101	I	6	6.3	D	29	22.3
Total Cars Loaded	373,891	D	29,314	7.3	D	59,963	13.8
Corresponding week of 1986	403,205						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (37 weeks)	14,404,150	13,883,857	I 3.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
36 Weeks ended September 5	628.4	599.9	I 4.7
Week ended September 12	16.4	17.5	D 6.6
37 Weeks cumulative	644.8	617.4	I 4.4

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WASHINGTON, September 24, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 19, totaled an estimated 19.4 billion ton-miles, 9.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 38 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 664.2 billion ton-miles carried, up 4.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended September 19 totaled 436,550, up 8.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 15.6 percent above the preceding Labor Day Holiday week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 5.7 percent in the East and up 11.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 18 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Coal increased by 8,051 cars (6.9 percent), while Grain showed a gain of 4,147 cars (14.0 percent). Twenty of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 12 totaled 89,396 trailers and/or containers, 12.2 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 37 weeks of the year was 3,595,336 trailers and/or containers, up 3.2 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/19/87:

	Loadings in Week ended September 19, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,682	I	4,147	14.0	I	5,494	19.5
Other farm products	4,004	I	321	8.7	I	844	26.7
Metallic ores	18,140	I	2,394	15.2	I	488	2.8
Coal	124,220	I	8,051	6.9	I	13,774	12.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,554	I	1,368	8.5	I	3,556	25.4
Nonmetallic minerals	10,816	I	943	9.6	I	1,353	14.3
Grain mill products	11,317	I	440	4.0	I	1,782	18.7
Food and kindred products	11,812	I	587	5.2	I	2,294	24.1
Primary forest products	11,120	I	458	4.3	I	2,220	24.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,510	I	418	5.2	I	1,650	24.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,656	I	16	0.1	I	952	8.1
Chemicals and allied products	27,603	I	1,970	7.7	I	4,106	17.5
Petroleum products	4,814	I	399	9.0	I	192	4.2
Stone, clay and glass products	11,909	I	1,094	10.1	I	1,557	15.0
Coke	5,092	I	1,534	43.1	I	11	0.2
Metals and products	9,748	I	2,506	34.6	I	1,315	15.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,071	D	1,182	5.8	I	3,100	19.4
Waste and scrap materials	10,091	I	1,840	22.3	I	2,368	30.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,123	D	265	7.8	I	555	21.6
All other carloads	81,177	I	7,036	9.5	I	11,339	16.2
LCL traffic	91	D	24	20.9	D	10	9.9
Total Cars Loaded	436,550	I	34,051	8.5	I	58,940	15.6
Corresponding week of 1986	402,499						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (38 weeks)	14,942,695	14,341,803	I 4.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
37 Weeks ended September 12	644.8	617.4	I 4.4
Week ended September 19	19.4	17.7	I 9.5
38 Weeks cumulative	664.2	635.2	I 4.6

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WASHINGTON, October 1, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 26 totaled an estimated 19.5 billion ton-miles, 10.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 39 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 683.7 billion ton-miles carried, up 4.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended September 26 were the highest so far this year. Carloadings totaled 446,367, up 8.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year and 2.2 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 5.6 percent in the East and up 11.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 18 of the 20* major commodity groups increased. Grain increased by 7,053 cars (27.4 percent), while metallic ores showed a gain of 3,417 cars (18.8 percent). Ten of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 19 totaled 106,023 trailers and/or containers, 0.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 38 weeks of the year was 3,071,359 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent from 1986.

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*Effective this week, the number of major commodity groups has been reduced from 21 to 20. LCL traffic is now included in "All Other" carloads.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/26/87:

	Loadings in Week ended September 26, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,916	I	7,503	27.4	I	1,234	3.7
Other farm products	4,175	I	895	27.3	I	171	4.3
Metallic ores	21,617	I	3,417	18.8	I	3,477	19.2
Coal	124,711	I	2,905	2.4	I	491	0.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,882	I	2,100	13.3	I	328	1.9
Nonmetallic minerals	10,606	I	685	6.9	D	210	1.9
Grain mill products	11,306	I	768	7.3	D	11	0.1
Food and kindred products	11,782	I	681	6.1	D	30	0.3
Primary forest products	11,206	I	524	4.9	I	86	0.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,439	I	305	3.7	D	71	0.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,431	I	153	1.2	D	225	1.8
Chemicals and allied products	27,209	I	2,068	8.2	D	394	1.4
Petroleum products	4,993	I	406	8.9	I	179	3.7
Stone, clay and glass products	11,655	I	499	4.5	D	254	2.1
Coke	5,068	I	1,329	35.5	D	24	0.5
Metals and products	10,073	I	1,760	21.2	I	325	3.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,737	D	918	4.4	I	666	3.5
Waste and scrap materials	9,769	I	1,520	18.4	D	322	3.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,092	D	890	22.4	D	31	1.0
All other carloads	85,700	I	9,365	12.3	I	4,432	5.5
Total Cars Loaded	446,367	I	35,075	8.5	I	9,817	2.2
Corresponding week of 1986	411,292						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (39 weeks)	15,389,062	14,790,616	I 4.0

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
38 Weeks ended September 19	664.2	635.2	I 4.6
Week ended September 26	19.5	17.7	I 10.3
39 Weeks cumulative	683.7	652.9	I 4.7

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WASHINGTON, October 8, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 3 totaled an estimated 19.7 billion ton-miles, 11.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 703.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 4.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 3 were the highest so far this year, for the second straight week. Carloadings totaled 449,658, up 11.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year and 0.7 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 10.7 percent in the East and up 12.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 19 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal increased by 11,163 cars (9.8 percent), while metallic ores showed a gain of 6,356 cars (39.8 percent). Fourteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 26 totaled 108,454 trailers and/or containers, 2.3 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 3,809,813 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/3/87:

	Loadings in Week ended October 3, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	35,121	I	4,869	16.1	I	205	0.6
Other farm products	3,947	I	100	2.6	D	228	5.5
Metallic ores	22,326	I	6,356	39.8	I	709	3.3
Coal	124,502	I	11,163	9.8	D	209	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,174	I	2,975	19.6	I	292	1.6
Nonmetallic minerals	10,173	I	791	8.4	D	433	4.1
Grain mill products	11,460	I	854	8.1	I	154	1.4
Food and kindred products	12,036	I	649	5.7	I	254	2.2
Primary forest products	11,322	I	746	7.1	I	116	1.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,452	I	523	6.6	I	13	0.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,271	I	785	6.3	I	840	6.8
Chemicals and allied products	27,532	I	2,725	11.0	I	323	1.2
Petroleum products	4,404	I	64	1.5	D	589	11.8
Stone, clay and glass products	11,774	I	1,380	13.3	I	119	1.0
Coke	5,385	I	1,500	38.6	I	317	6.3
Metals and products	10,841	I	2,936	37.1	I	768	7.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,746	I	584	2.9	I	1,009	5.1
Waste and scrap materials	9,698	I	2,075	27.2	D	71	0.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,340	D	522	13.5	I	248	8.0
All other carloads	85,154	I	6,199	7.9	D	546	0.6
Total Cars Loaded	449,658	I	46,752	11.6	I	3,291	0.7
Corresponding week of 1986	402,906						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	15,838,720	15,193,522	I 4.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
39 Weeks ended September 26	683.7	652.9	I 4.7
Week ended October 3	19.7	17.7	I 11.0
40 Weeks cumulative	703.4	670.6	I 4.9

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WASHINGTON, October 15, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 10 totaled an estimated 19.3 billion ton-miles, 11.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 722.7 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 10 totaled 439,576, up 10.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year but 2.2 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 8.3 percent in the East and up 14.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal increased by 13,893 cars (12.8 percent), while metallic ores showed a gain of 3,867 cars (21.8 percent). Loadings of metals and products were up 2,293 cars (31.3 percent), and coke loadings rose 1,488 cars (39.5 percent). Fourteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 3 totaled 110,175 trailers and/or containers, 4.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of the year was 3,919,988 trailers and/or containers, up 3.2 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/10/87:

	Loadings in Week ended October 10, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,016	I	3,398	11.1	D	1,105	3.1
Other farm products	4,837	I	173	3.7	I	890	22.5
Metallic ores	21,645	I	3,867	21.8	D	681	3.1
Coal	122,081	I	13,893	12.8	D	2,387	1.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,797	I	3,044	20.6	D	377	2.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,794	I	1,119	12.9	D	379	3.7
Grain mill products	11,636	I	226	2.0	I	176	1.5
Food and kindred products	11,537	I	223	2.0	D	499	4.1
Primary forest products	10,813	I	361	3.5	D	509	4.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,764	I	228	3.0	D	688	8.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,226	D	242	1.9	D	1,045	7.9
Chemicals and allied products	26,067	I	2,397	10.1	D	1,443	5.2
Petroleum products	4,656	D	216	4.4	I	252	5.7
Stone, clay and glass products	11,783	I	1,321	12.6	I	7	0.1
Coke	5,254	I	1,488	39.5	D	131	2.4
Metals and products	9,617	I	2,293	31.3	D	1,145	10.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,963	I	1,217	6.2	I	217	1.0
Waste and scrap materials	9,751	I	1,973	25.4	I	58	0.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,048	D	238	7.2	D	292	8.7
All other carloads	84,291	I	6,770	8.7	D	854	1.0
Total Cars Loaded	439,576	I	43,295	10.9	D	9,935	2.2
Corresponding week of 1986	396,281						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (41 weeks)	16,278,046	15,589,803	I 4.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
40 Weeks ended October 3	703.4	670.6	I 4.9
Week ended October 10	19.3	17.3	I 11.7
41 Weeks cumulative	722.7	687.9	I 5.1

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WASHINGTON, October 22, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 17 totaled an estimated 19.2 billion ton-miles, 8.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 741.9 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 17 totaled 433,976, up 7.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.3 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 5.8 percent in the East and 9.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Metallic ores increased by 6,208 cars (43.6 percent), while coal showed a gain of 4,906 cars (4.2 percent). Loadings of chemicals and allied products were up 2,765 cars (11.9 percent), and metals and products were up 2,306 cars (30.4 percent). Twelve of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 10 totaled 108,916 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of the year was 4,028,904 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/17/87:

	Loadings in Week ended October 17, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,690	I	667	2.0	I	674	2.0
Other farm products	4,708	D	197	4.0	D	129	2.7
Metallic ores	20,460	I	6,208	43.6	D	1,185	5.5
Coal	121,532	I	4,906	4.2	D	549	0.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,572	I	2,625	17.6	D	225	1.3
Nonmetallic minerals	9,219	I	254	2.8	D	545	5.6
Grain mill products	11,357	I	487	4.5	D	279	2.4
Food and kindred products	11,160	I	301	2.8	D	377	3.3
Primary forest products	10,658	I	591	5.9	D	155	1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,771	I	167	2.2	I	7	0.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,690	D	69	0.6	D	536	4.4
Chemicals and allied products	25,971	I	2,765	11.9	D	196	0.7
Petroleum products	4,882	I	232	5.0	I	226	4.9
Stone, clay and glass products	11,666	I	1,159	11.0	D	117	1.0
Coke	5,620	I	1,524	37.2	I	366	7.0
Metals and products	9,882	I	2,306	30.4	I	265	2.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,349	I	1,488	7.5	I	386	1.8
Waste and scrap materials	10,038	I	2,270	29.2	I	287	2.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,052	D	173	5.4	I	4	0.1
All other carloads	80,699	I	2,887	3.7	D	3,592	4.3
Total Cars Loaded	433,976	I	30,398	7.5	D	5,700	1.3
Corresponding week of 1986	403,578						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (42 weeks)	16,712,122	15,993,381	I 4.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
41 Weeks ended October 10	722.7	687.9	I 5.1
Week ended October 17	19.2	17.7	I 8.4
42 Weeks cumulative	741.9	705.6	I 5.1

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WASHINGTON, October 29, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 24 totaled an estimated 19.3 billion ton-miles, 4.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 761.2 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 24 totaled 433,327, up 4.1 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 0.1 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.9 percent in the East and 5.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings increased by 4,792 cars (4.1 percent), while metallic ores showed a gain of 2,451 cars (14.2 percent). Loadings of metals and products were up 2,408 cars (33.1 percent), and coke increased by 1,297 cars (30.8 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 17 totaled 104,744 trailers and/or containers, 1.3 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of the year was 4,133,648 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/24/87:

	Loadings in Week ended October 24, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,368	D	3,249	9.1	D	1,706	5.0
Other farm products	4,501	D	1,160	20.5	D	220	4.7
Metallic ores	19,710	I	2,451	14.2	D	732	3.6
Coal	122,623	I	4,792	4.1	I	771	0.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,970	I	2,085	14.0	D	636	3.6
Nonmetallic minerals	9,953	I	1,127	12.8	I	713	7.7
Grain mill products	11,203	D	285	2.5	D	38	0.3
Food and kindred products	11,628	D	137	1.2	I	416	3.7
Primary forest products	10,522	D	203	1.9	D	186	1.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,841	I	104	1.3	I	75	1.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,234	D	1,078	8.8	D	427	3.7
Chemicals and allied products	25,408	I	1,186	4.9	D	560	2.2
Petroleum products	4,966	I	233	4.9	I	87	1.8
Stone, clay and glass products	11,665	I	1,093	10.3	I	18	0.2
Coke	5,502	I	1,297	30.8	D	119	2.1
Metals and products	9,690	I	2,408	33.1	D	220	2.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,742	I	1,272	6.2	I	397	1.9
Waste and scrap materials	9,798	I	1,780	22.2	D	237	2.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,156	D	193	5.8	I	104	3.4
All other carloads	82,847	I	3,408	4.3	I	2,132	2.6
Total Cars Loaded	433,327	I	16,931	4.1	D	368	0.1
Corresponding week of 1986	416,396						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (43 weeks)	17,145,168	16,409,777	I 4.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
42 Weeks ended October 17	741.9	705.6	I 5.1
Week ended October 24	19.3	18.3	I 4.9
43 Weeks cumulative	761.2	724.0	I 5.1

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